

What kinds of activities should you report?

- Contamination to lakes, rivers and streams
- Pollution entering a storm drain or surface water
- Suspicious dumping to drains and/or surface waters
- Suspicious discharges from pipes
- Sewage discharges on the ground or into surface water
- Large numbers of dead fish
- Failing septic systems
- Construction site soil erosion entering surface waters
- Polluted stormwater runoff from storage piles and dumpsters
- Illegal connections of sanitary sewers to storm drains or surface waters

Please provide the following information when you call:

- Your name and phone number
(you can remain anonymous if you choose)
- The source of pollution and what was spilled
- Quantity of spill
- Body of water impacted
- When spill occurred
- Major cross roads of spill or known address



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OAKLAND COUNTY'S 24-HOUR POLLUTION HOTLINE

248-858-0931

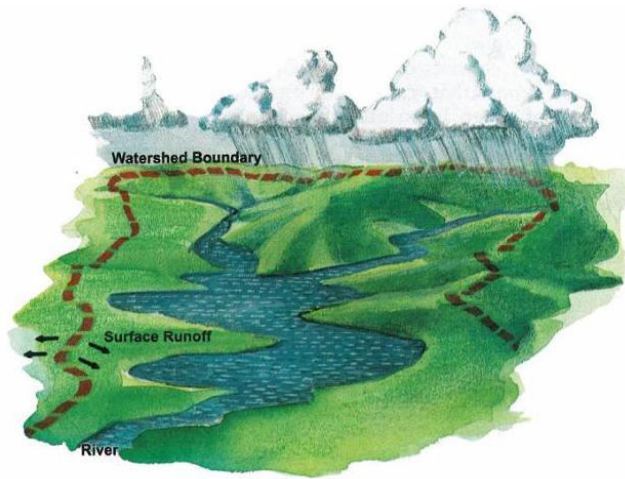
Play a part in keeping our lakes,
streams and rivers clean.

Report activities that are causing
water pollution!



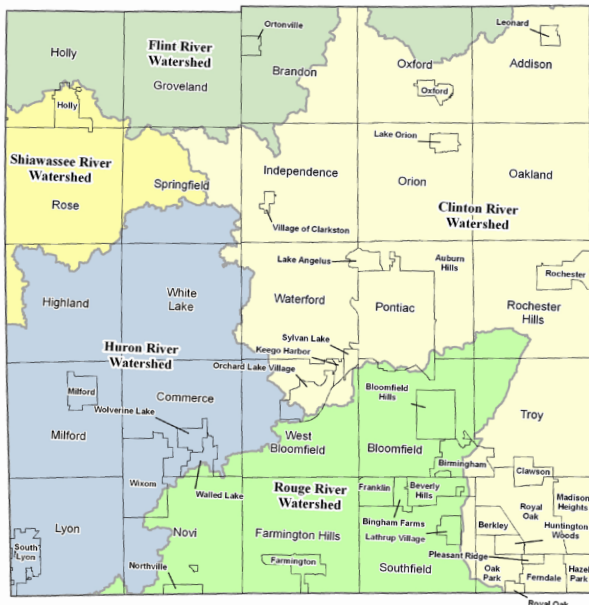
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What is a watershed?



A watershed is defined as an area of land that drains to a particular body of water, such as a lake or river. Oakland County is home to the headwaters of five major watersheds: the Clinton, Flint, Huron, Rouge and Shiawassee.

Which watershed do you live in?



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY AT HOME?

Water runoff that flows into storm drains and roadside ditches all goes to the nearest lake, stream, river or wetland *without* any kind of treatment.

To protect water quality, make sure you do your part to keep pollutants off the land. Pollutants that can impact our waterways include sediment, nutrients, bacteria, pesticides and hazardous chemicals such as grease and oil.

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP KEEP POLLUTION OUT OF OUR WATERWAYS:

1. *Never dump anything down a storm drain.*

Recycle your household hazardous wastes through your community's household hazardous waste program. For more information, go online to oakgov.com/waste or call the Oakland County Waste Resource Management Division at 248-858-1352.

2. *Sweep it!*

After you fertilize your lawn, use pesticides, or cut the grass, be sure to sweep or blow off the granules or clippings from hard, paved surfaces. That keeps these materials from getting carried into storm drainage systems when it rains.

3. *Minimize soil erosion and sedimentation.*

Prevent soil erosion and sedimentation by minimizing disturbance to ground cover. Stabilize bare soil with seed and mulch, or sod as quickly as possible. For more tips on how to prevent soil erosion, call Oakland County's Soil Erosion Control Unit at 248-858-5389 or go to oakgov.com/water.

4. *Bag it!*

Pick up pet waste promptly and dispose of it in the trash.

5. *Get Pumped!*

If you have a septic system, have your tank pumped every 3 - 5 years, at a minimum. For more questions on septic system maintenance, contact your local MSU-Extension office.

For more helpful tips, go online to oakgov.com/riparian or call the Oakland County Environmental Team at 248-858-0958.