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ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

What can I do if I live in town to protect the streams in Halifax County?

- Storm water should be the only thing going down storm drains. If you see something in the street or by the curb pick it up and put it in the trash.
- A common problem is fluid from leaking cars being washed off of your driveway and into the storm drain. You can prevent this by checking your car for leaks and intercepting the fluids before they make onto the driveway.
- Take your car to a car wash or park it in the grass when you wash it so that the water doesn't go directly down the drain.
- Pick up after pets.
- Direct downspouts onto vegetated areas instead of pavement.

Why should I care about water quality?

We all use water on a daily basis. Before water makes it to our faucet it has to be treated so that it is safe for use to drink and use. Water quality prevention can help minimize the amount of treatment that is needed for potable water. Many streams in Halifax Co. have been marked as impaired for water quality making their usage for drinking water or recreation challenging. Water quality protection makes it safer for use to be able to use water in the way we need to.



What can I put on my property to help protect water quality?

1. Rain Barrels – They collect water from downspouts and from concentrated roof runoff. This give you an extra source or water that you don't have to pay for!
2. Rain Gardens – These are area where you direct the flow of your downspouts into areas where water can infiltrate and not run directly into storm drains. These area can be filled with desirable plants that can enhance the aesthetics of your property.
3. Rainwater Harvesting – These are systems that are very similar to rain barrels except much larger. These systems are design to hold thousands of gallons of water that can be used for non-potable applications.



For more information on ways you can protect water quality on your property please contact Halifax SWCD at 434-476-7923.