




## If you live near a storm drain, then you live on waterfront property.

### It's not that far from your house to the river!

- The storm drain in your street is a direct link to Murfreesboro streams and rivers.
- Stormwater runoff is NOT treated or cleaned before it enters storm drains.
- Stormwater is one of the main reasons that pollution ends up in local streams.
- The water supplied to most households in Murfreesboro comes from the Stones River.
- Some common water pollutants in Murfreesboro streams include:
  - yard waste and litter
  - pet waste and bacteria
  - dirt and sediment
  - nutrients in soaps and fertilizers
  - automotive and household chemicals

 **YOU can help keep  
Murfreesboro's water clean and  
healthy with some simple steps . . .**



Did you know  
**YOU**  
live on  
waterfront property?



Anything that enters a storm drain goes directly to a local stream, river, or lake, NOT TO A WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.



LAWN/PAVEMENT



STORM DRAINS



STONES RIVER

**Pollutants are washed off yards and pavement into storm drains, which flow directly into Murfreesboro's streams.**

**The storm drain in your street is a direct link to the nearest streams around Murfreesboro. These streams flow into the Stones River, which is the source of our drinking water.**

**Listed below are Murfreesboro's major streams and their tributaries.**

- **East Fork Stones River**  
Wades Branch, Bear Branch, Dry Branch, and Bushman Creek
- **West Fork Stones River**  
Panther Creek, Sinking Creek, and Spence Creek
- **Middle Fork Stones River**  
Long Creek
- **Overall Creek**  
Puckett Creek, Armstrong Branch, and Rucker Spring
- **Lytle Creek**  
Black Fox Spring, Murfree Spring, and Town Creek

**Wildlife and citizens depend on clean, healthy water in our community.**

**Stormwater is a main reason that pollution ends up in our local streams.**

**Prevent pollution with these simple actions:**

- ✓ Keep dirt, litter and yard debris out of the street and away from storm drains.
- ✓ Clean up pet waste in your yard and on walks.
- ✓ Sweep (not hose) dirt, fertilizers, grass clippings and cigarette butts from paved surfaces.
- ✓ Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly (and not before anticipated rain.)
- ✓ Fix automotive leaks, and wash vehicles on the grass or at a car wash facility.
- ✓ Recycle automotive and household chemicals. (Never pour oil or chemicals on the ground or down a storm drain.)

**Keeping Murfreesboro's water clean is a community-wide effort.  
Help protect our streams and water supply!**

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