

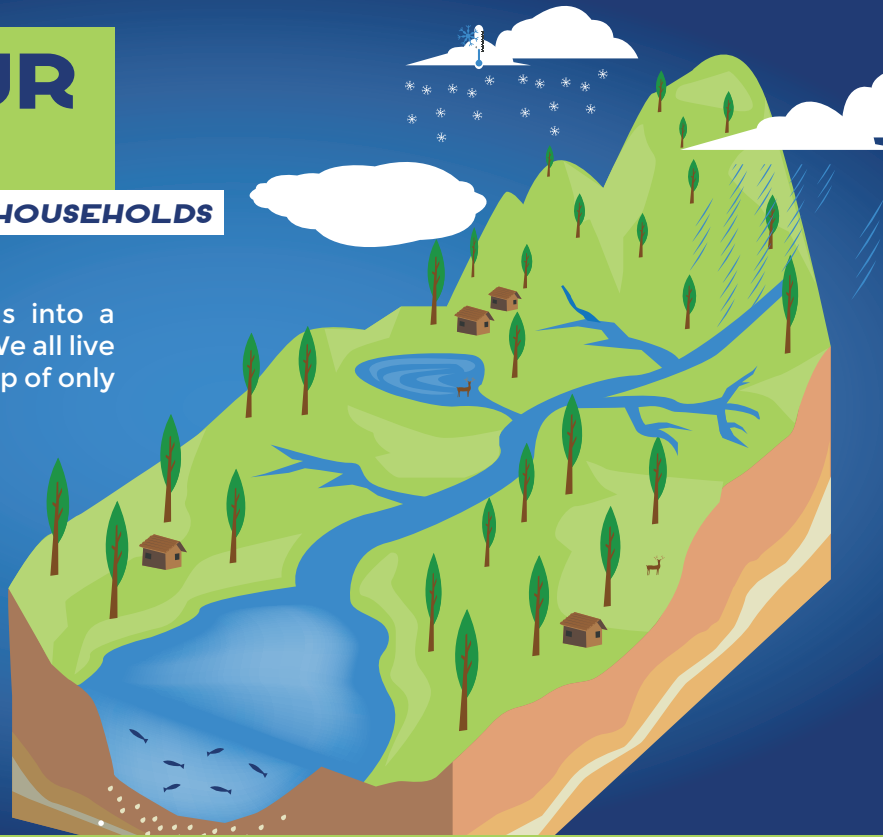
PROTECT OUR WATERSHEDS

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR HOUSEHOLDS

WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a particular river, lake, or other body of water. We all live in a watershed. Some watersheds are made up of only one or two streams or creeks and are small. These are called subwatersheds. York County has 11 main watersheds which are part of the larger Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

We can all take a part in protecting our watershed by not only conserving our every day water use, but also by reconsidering our daily activities at home and at work. From using reusable bags to driving less, these small changes make a big impact on our watersheds.



BE WATER WISE EVERY DAY!

EVERY DAY, SIMPLE CHANGES THAT CAN BECOME PRACTICES:

EASY CHANGES INSIDE YOUR HOME



Conserve water by repairing leaks, taking short showers, and turning off the water when brushing your teeth.



Run dishwashers and clothes washers only when full.



Use eco-friendly cleaning supplies. Some chemicals can disrupt the pH balance of the water.



Take the time to dispose of toxic household products properly.



Respect your sewer system: don't pour toxic wastes, chemicals, or any medications down the toilet. In addition, get on a septic pumping schedule if you have an on-lot septic system.

EASY CHANGES

IN YOUR YARD & GARAGE



Water your lawn only when necessary and at the coolest times of the day.



Minimize runoff by redirecting downspouts into vegetated areas.



Scoop pet waste and dispose of it by putting it in a sealed bag in the trash or flushing it down the toilet.



Recycle yard waste in a compost pile.



Never pour chemicals or other wastes into storm drains.

DOING A LITTLE RESEARCH PRIOR TO PLANNING YOUR PURCHASES AND USING WATER CAN GO A LONG WAY!

PROACTIVE, NEW PRACTICES:

NEW PRACTICES INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Purchase eco-friendly cleaning supplies.
- Purchase & install low-flow faucets and eco-friendly washing machines and dishwashers.
- Don't be wasteful- reduce, reuse, and recycle everyday!
- Just say no to single use plastic. Purchase reusable water bottles.
- If you have a well, get your water tested as recommended every 5 years.



NEW PRACTICES IN YOUR YARD & GARAGE

- Reduce runoff by using pervious pavers where possible.
- Plant native, hardy plants that require little or no watering, fertilizers or pesticides.
- Install rain barrels and rain gardens.
- Use a commercial car wash instead of washing your car on the driveway.



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