

ATTENTION

Residents of the City of Petal: Be Part of the Solution to Stormwater Pollution

Did you know that runoff from our buildings, streets and grounds has the potential to pollute our lakes, creeks, streams and rivers?



The City of Petal is located within the Pascagoula River Basin, which includes the Upper and Lower Leaf River Watersheds. All of the stormwater that falls within the City of Petal drains to the Pascagoula River via the Leaf River and ultimately to the Gulf of Mexico. What that means for us as a community is that the quality of the stormwater runoff that leaves our community ultimately affects water quality in one of the largest and most pristine basin systems in the Gulf South. In addition, water quality in the Gulf of Mexico is affected by land use decisions and daily activities that take place within the City of Petal

Stormwater Pollution occurs as water flows across the ground and picks up debris, chemicals, soils, and other pollutants and deposits them into a storm drain system or water body. Storm drains are a non-treated system. The water that flows into our storm drains will end up in the drainage basins mentioned above. Pollutants are typically introduced into the drainage systems through:

Soils
Automotive fluids
Animal Waste
Car washing
Yard debris
Trash and litter

Pesticides/herbicides
Household hazardous waste
Paints and other chemicals

What we do in our city and how we treat our environment is important to the quality of water and the eco-system from the City of Petal to the Gulf of Mexico.

So What Can We Do To Help Manage Stormwater Pollution In the City of Petal?



Here are a few things that Petal residents can do to help reduce stormwater pollution:

- Participate in neighborhood, and community cleanup activities;
- Write or call your elected representatives to inform them about your concerns and encourage legislation to protect water resources;
- Promote and participate in environmental education;
- Encourage community to get involved in water quality and environmental issues;
- Notify City officials if you see conditions or activities that could contribute to stormwater pollution;
- Do your part to keep Petal clean by picking up litter in and around the city;
- Clean up pet droppings and dispose of them properly;
- Discourage littering;
- Use opportunities for alternate modes of transportation including cycling;
- Utilize and participate in the area recycling programs; and
- Take the time to further educate yourself on the comprehensive impacts of water quality impairment and stormwater pollution.



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