We Need Your Help on October 18th

Volunteer with your family & friends on October 18, 2014 to remove litter from Lake Fayetteville. Contact cmassey@uaex.edu for more details, or visit www.lfwp.org to view the event flyer.

Join the Lake Fayetteville Watershed Partnership and many local organizations and sponsors for the Lake Fayetteville Fall Cleanup from 9 am to noon. Lunch provided and door prizes to follow.

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What happened in the images to the right?

Unfortunately, something got dumped down this storm drain and the substance started to react and foam as it neared the stream it empties into. They probably didn’t know storm drains flow directly into creeks untreated.

Did you know we send an electronic version of this newsletter? Email cmassey@uaex.edu, or call 479.444.1755 to conserve resources. If you no longer wish to receive this publication, we will gladly remove your address.
It’s Been One Year since the Lake Fayetteville Outreach and Education Grant began. Here are a few highlights of programs we’ve done the past year. We also want to thank the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for funding for this project that provides free education and resources to you about simple ways to prevent pollution and protect clean water in Lake Fayetteville and all of Arkansas.

- Watershed stakeholders Ty Wagner (left) and Ben Lynch (right) build their rain barrels at the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks on Sept. 25th.

- Above, one stream-side landowner conserves resources and protects clean water by diverting rain water into an inlet to irrigate landscaping.

- From September 2013 to the present, two cleanups around Lake Fayetteville saw 184 volunteers and stakeholders like you remove nearly 3,000 lbs of litter and recyclables

- Three "make-and-take" rain barrel workshops held within the Lake Fayetteville Watershed allowed 82 stakeholders to construct a rain barrel to capture rainwater for irrigation

- Five educational booths provided free information and water quality education was presented to nearly 700 adults and over 700 youth audiences

Do you have algae in your pond? Stream erosion? Sick plants?

The Extension Service wants to help you. Visit www.uaex.edu for fact sheets regarding Yard and Garden, Farm and Ranch, and Environment and Nature or call the County Extension Office at 479.444.1755 to have an agent visit you.
The Washington County Extension Office provides FREE educational programs to you and your neighbors that promote pollution prevention of water and many other topics. We offer workshops such as creating your own rain barrel, composting, calibrating your fertilizer spreader.

The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the Washington County Extension prior to any program at 479-444-1755.

What’s Coming Up This Year?

The Clean Water Video Podcast Series will premiere this Fall and focus on ten topics that will inform you about simple actions you can take to have a positive impact on maintaining clean water resources. Other water conservation topics and home maintenance topics will be featured such as:

- Watershed Stakeholders and Partnerships
- Best Management Practices
- Streamside (Riparian) Buffer Types, Functions, and Values
- Trash Management To Prevent Litter
- Proper Auto Maintenance & Vehicle Washing
- Fats, Oils, and Grease Management
- Using Homemade Cleaning Products & Household Hazardous Waste
- Lawn Watering & Pool Drainage
- Septic Maintenance to Prevent Water Pollution
- Fertilizers and Water Quality

Additionally, we hope to expand and improve programs and resources for you. If your homeowner's association, civic group, or school is interested in a presentation or workshop, use us as a free resource! If you are a homeowner, keep us in mind as you have questions about lawn, garden, and water issues or if you'd like to get more involved as a clean water steward.

Our office is also revising the Urban Home*A*Syst manual that will help you easily assess risks and identify solutions to water and other home maintenance issue on your property.

We will continue to offer home or site visits to assess problems and help you find a solution to water quality issues. As we continue to offer this service, we want to know what actions you have taken to prevent water pollution.

If you have committed to harvesting rain water, using homemade cleaners, properly disposing of household hazardous waste, getting a soil test, or any practice that protects clean water, we want to showcase your efforts the Lake Fayetteville Watershed.
We're on the Web!
www.uaex.edu

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