

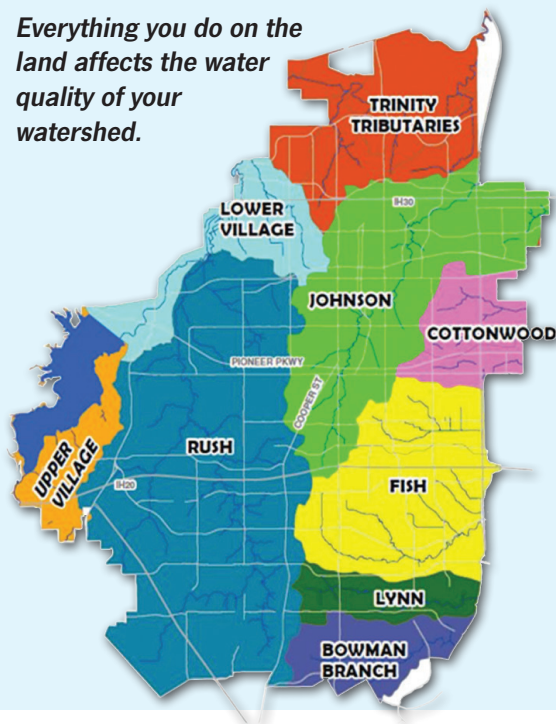
Everyone Lives in a Watershed

A watershed is a geographic area through which water flows across the land and drains into a common body of water such as a stream, creek, river, lake or ocean.

Rain, snow and ice melt that doesn't soak into the ground runs off impervious surfaces like streets, parking lots, driveways and buildings. This stormwater runoff picks up pollutants and discharges them into the local waterways leading to the degradation of natural water resources and overall ecosystem health.

These pollutants can harm drinking water supplies, wildlife habitat and recreational areas while increasing streambank erosion, sedimentation and flooding.

Everything you do on the land affects the water quality of your watershed.



Land Use Activities and Stormwater Pollutants

Land use activities will always have an impact on a watershed's water quality. In urbanized areas, like the City of Arlington, stormwater runoff increases the variety and amount of pollutants that enter local waterways.

These pollutants include:

- Sediment from construction and land development
- Pesticides, fertilizers/nutrients from landscaping and gardening activities
- Pathogens and nutrients from pet waste and sanitary sewer line failures
- Oil, gasoline, grease and other toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Heavy Metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles and electronic wastes
- Household Chemicals and Waste such as bleach, detergents, degreasers, cooking oil, paint and batteries
- Trash and Litter



For information on how you can help prevent stormwater pollution, visit www.arlingtontx.gov/stormwater
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