

ONLY RAIN GOES IN THE DRAIN

"It's easy to be un-greasy!" Recycle cooking oil



Don't let soap rinse water wash into street or storm drain



Keep organic material out of storm drains, too



1. Do not pile, blow, or discard yard waste such as leaves or grass clippings on or around storm drains or into streets. Discard properly or start a compost pile.
2. Keep pet waste out of storm drains: Do not put cat litter in the storm drain or in the toilet (place in garbage). Flushing into toilet is acceptable if there is no litter in the waste.
3. Stabilize bare areas in the yard immediately. Sow seed, add sod or mulch with pine straw for example. Sediment and discolored water are pollutants.
4. Wash cars at the car wash or in your grass. Don't allow dirty/sudsy rinse water to enter streets and storm drains.
5. Apply pesticides and fertilizers according to label instructions. More is not necessarily better.
6. Recycle paints, used motor oil, cooking oil, and other materials.
7. For more information on Fairhope's Waste Management programs, including recycling and household hazardous waste, call Public Works Waste Management (251) 990-0192 or visit: www.fairhopeal.gov/departments/public-works/waste-management

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Check out our local storm water projects and programs : www.fairhopeal.gov/departments/planning-and-zoning/publications-and-forms

*City of Fairhope MS4 Program
(Annual Report and SWMPP)

*Storm Sewer Inventory & Mapping

*Fairhope Gullies

*Fairhope Natural Resource Inventory

*Homeowner Guide to Detention Pond Maintenance

*Create a Clean Water Future Program

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About the Fairhope Storm Drain Medallion Project

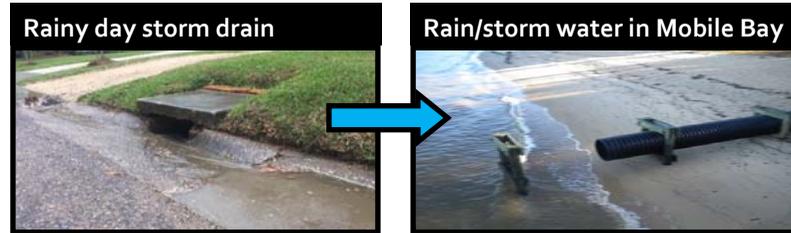
In 2017, the City of Fairhope acquired a grant that included implementation of a program to promote increased awareness of local stormwater standards. Partnering with Eastern Shore Art Center, Fairhope High School, and the Weeks Bay Reserve, bay-theme medallions were created for placement on Fairhope's storm drains as a reminder that only rain goes in the drain. Fairhope storm drains are the gateway to our watersheds. Keeping "only rain" in our storm drains leads to watershed protection. Since all of our watersheds empty into Mobile Bay, storm drain protection is vital to us all. As part of this outreach program, storm drain medallions are being installed throughout Fairhope, as a reminder to keep it clean. If you wouldn't swim in it, a fish shouldn't either.

Fairhope Storm Drains

- A storm drain is an opening in a curb or a grated drain intended to capture and release rain water from city streets and parking lots.
- Stormwater flows through storm drains and other conveyance systems. A stormwater conveyance system can be any means for stormwater transportation such as a road side ditch, a natural gully, stream, creek, pipe, or detention / retention pond.
- Stormwater is not filtered or treated through the City of Fairhope waste water treatment plant, as municipal waste water is.
- Stormwater has the potential to carry with it pollutants such as sediment, chemical and fertilizer residue, and yard waste. Grass and leaf clippings can clog drains, and pet waste can contaminate downstream areas with harmful bacteria.
- The City of Fairhope has about 1200 storm drains in the City limits. These flow into over 600 delineated outfall areas, including 13 major Mobile Bay outfalls, around the City.
- Stormwater in Fairhope is regulated by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management through the MS4 Program.

What is a Watershed? A watershed is the land area that drains to a stream, lake, river, or bay.

In Fairhope, watersheds flow directly into Mobile Bay or indirectly through Fish River.



The Watersheds of Fairhope

There are 12 watersheds in the City limits of Fairhope. All ultimately release into Mobile Bay.

1. Big Mouth Gully (500 acres)
2. Cowpen Creek (3,056 acres)
3. Fly Creek (1,310 acres)
4. Pensacola Worm Branch (91 acres)
5. Point Clear Creek (1,173 acres)
6. Red Gum / Campbell Gully (54 acres)
7. Rock Creek (678 acres)
8. Stack Gully (397 acres)
9. Tatumville Gully (617 acres)
10. Turkey Branch (88 acres)
11. Volanta Gully (389 acres)
12. Waterhole Branch (600 acres)

Water quality inspector @ Mobile Bay

