

GRAND FALLS ON SHOAL CREEK
Source of drinking water for
Joplin customers.



MISSOURI
AMERICAN WATER

WE KEEP LIFE FLOWING®

PROTECTING YOUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

Protecting drinking water at its source is an important part of the process to treat and deliver high quality water. Materials can impact both waterways and groundwater if poured down the drain, flushed down the toilet or dumped on the ground. It takes effort from everyone to protect our shared water resources.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We take a green approach in our daily operations. This includes recycling to reduce waste, supporting environmental stewardship organizations, and partnering with farmers to land apply treatment residuals. We also focus on the following:



Community Involvement: We raise awareness and increase volunteerism through proactive education and engagement. This includes school education, river clean-ups and sponsoring events held on or near waterways used as sources of drinking water supply.



Pharmaceutical Collections: We partner with agencies throughout the state to sponsor drop box locations for disposal of unused or expired medicines. This keeps pharmaceutical products from entering our water sources.



Watershed Protection Programs: Several of our operations have watershed protection programs that have been recognized by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Programs include community education and activities focused on maintaining clean watersheds.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- » Properly dispose of pharmaceuticals, household chemicals, oils and paints.
- » Check for leaks from automobiles and heating fuel tanks. To clean up a leak, use an absorbent material, like cat litter, on the spill, then sweep it all up and put in a sealed bag. Check with your local refuse facility for guidance on proper disposal.
- » Clean up after your pets.
- » Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- » Take part in watershed clean-up activities.
- » Use water wisely. Tips are available at missouriamwater.com.

