

PROTECTING YOUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY



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TENNESSEE RIVER
Chattanooga drinking water source


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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 and supporting environmental stewardship organizations. We also focus on the following:

 **Community Involvement:** We have a proactive public outreach program to help spread the word and get people involved. This includes school education, contests, and other community activities.

 **Environmental Grant Program:** Each year, we fund projects that improve water resources in our local communities.

 **Pharmaceutical Collection:** We partner with local law enforcement and drug abuse prevention organizations to sponsor Drug Take Back events in our community. These events, as well as local, permanent lock boxes, offer residents a way to safely dispose of unwanted drugs for free. This helps keep pharmaceutical products from entering water supplies. Learn more [here](#).

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 tennesseeamwater.com.

