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Why am I getting this?

You are receiving this newsletter because the you live, work, or own property in the Lake Fayetteville Watershed. This means that you are a watershed stakeholder! My name is Colin Massey and I am a County Agent for University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service. I am currently working on a two-year grant funded project that is focused on outreach and education in the Lake Fayetteville Watershed.

Please contact Colin Massey at cmassey@uaex.edu or 479-444-1755. For a FREE home consultation regarding water quality, soil sampling your lawn or garden, streambank erosion or flooding, or any other agricultural or water quality issue you may be experiencing. Or contact me if you would like to know more about the Lake Fayetteville Watershed Partnership or water quality in Northwest Arkansas.

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Are you a Lake Fayetteville Watershed Stakeholder?

Ten square miles of Fayetteville, Springdale, and rural areas of Washington County drain into Lake Fayetteville. Bacteria, excess nutrients, and sediment limit Lake Fayetteville's recreational uses. Stormwater draining from urban areas carrying automotive fluids, pet waste and other pollutants, is not treated and goes directly into creeks and streams.

If you live within these 10 square miles, you have a stake in this lake and **you can make a difference in the water quality of Lake Fayetteville.**

Our goal is to work with all stakeholders to protect our water resources. We also want to engage homeowners to adopt best management practices, also known as BMPs. In the next few months and throughout the project we will be announcing several events and opportunities to take part such as:

- **E-newsletters**
- **Free home and landowner assessments**
- **Online water quality podcasts**
- **BMP workshops**
- **Volunteer opportunities in your community**

Volunteer Spotlight: Lake Fayetteville Watershed Partnership

The 110 volunteers represented 25 different organizations from the community and put in 415 hours of community service by removing plastic bottles, tires, cans and other trash from the lake and lakeside parks on Oct. 12.

The **2013 Fall Clean up of Lake Fayetteville**, part of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Adopt-a-Trail, and Arkansas Stream Team programs, was a success that could not have happened without community volunteers, organizations, and local business sponsors. The cleanup focused on cleaning the lakeshore, surrounding parkland, trails, tributaries, roadsides, and parking lots. More than 1,000 pounds of trash was removed and for the moment the lake is cleaner and healthier for both people and wildlife.

Join us for the next partnership meeting on Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. Call for details.

At right, results of the lakeside park cleanup.



Caring for our watershed

Thinking about 'Greening Your Life'?

Want to learn more about protecting water quality? Do you enjoy learning about natural resources? The Cooperative Extension Service has a free online course called "Greening Your Life." You can find this online at <http://courses.uaex.edu> in the Yard & Garden section.

Por qué he recibido esta carta?

Tú estás recibiendo esta carta porque tú vives, trabajas, o tienes una propiedad en la cuenca del Lago Fayetteville. Mi nombre es Colin Massey y trabajo para La Cooperativa de Extensión de la Universidad de Arkansas División de Agricultura. Por favor contácteme al cmassey@uaex.edu o 479-444-1755. Tú podrías recibir una copia de esta carta en español. Nosotros también proveemos consulta GRATIS en la casa con respeto a la calidad del agua, muestreo de suelos de su jardín y del césped, erosiones e inundaciones, o cualquier otro problema de agricultura o de agua que pueda estar experimentando. O contácteme si quiere saber más sobre la Asociación de calidad del agua o de la cuenca del Lago Fayetteville.

Making a difference

Simple steps can make all the difference in keeping our watershed clean.

Take time to:

- Compost yard waste
- Keep waste from entering storm drains
- Properly dispose of household hazardous waste
- Pick up pet waste
- Recycle used motor oil
- Test soil before fertilizing
- Reduce runoff with a rain barrel or diverted gutters
- Plant a streamside buffer

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Our Lake Fayetteville Watershed

