



watershed PLEDGE



Everyone lives in a watershed! A watershed is an area of land that water flows across as it moves toward a common body of water, such as a stream, river, lake or coast.

What you do in and around your home impacts your watershed. Making simple changes helps prevent water pollution and keeps our watershed healthy. Take the watershed pledge to commit to protect Florida's water resources.

Taking the pledge is simple. First, discuss the activities listed below with your family and talk about which changes you are willing to make. Second, check the boxes next to the activities you choose. Last, sign your names in the spaces provided and hang the pledge where your family will see it every day. The pledge is also available online at WaterMatters.org.

WE PLEDGE TO:

Make water conservation a habit

- Use water-efficient faucets, showerheads and toilets.
- Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth.
- Use Florida-friendly landscaping.
- Install water-efficient sprinklers and a rain sensor to override the sprinkler system when it rains.
- Fix leaks.

Keep runoff water clean to protect our surface water bodies

- Never dump toxic materials such as motor oil and antifreeze down drains or on the ground.
- Check the car for fluid leaks and maintain the car with regular tune-ups.
- Keep storm drains and ditches clean by clearing debris.
- Pick up pet waste when near a water body and dispose of it in the trash or toilet.

Maintain septic systems to keep our ground water healthy

- Watch for signs of septic tank failure.
- Have septic systems inspected every 2 to 3 years and pumped as needed.

Set an example for healthy watershed living

- Encourage friends and neighbors to take the watershed pledge.
- Take part in a tree planting, stream cleanup or invasive vegetation removal project.
- Volunteer for a local environmental club.



We pledge to protect our watershed

Name _____ Date _____

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To learn more about these activities and other ways you can protect your watershed, check out our web site at WaterMatters.org or contact the Communications Department at 1-800-423-1476, ext. 4757.

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Number of bracelets

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