

Joint TMDL Stormwater & Wastewater Technical Subcommittee Meeting

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1. Meeting Overview

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Meeting Summary. The October 11, 2022 Joint TMDL Stormwater & Wastewater Technical Subcommittee meeting summary will be presented for approval.

4. Stormwater Project Discussion

Draft “*Doo the Right Thing*” (pet waste) educational explainer video and script

- Draft Script and Draft Video available online
- Requesting feedback today, deadline for comments March 31, 2023
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Potential Projects

- Educational Explainer Videos
- Social Media Toolkits
- School Presentations
- Misc. Educational Materials
- Virtual Trainings/Webinars

Potential Topics

- Discouraging Avian Feeding
- Feral Hogs
- Doo the Right Thing/Pet Waste
- Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development
- General TMDL information

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Draft On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF or septic system) postcard/mailer


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How's That Septic System Been Doing?

Your On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) can last nearly 30 years if you treat it right.



When's the last time you pumped it?
It's recommended to pump your OSSF every three to five years to ensure proper treatment and draining and prevent system failures. You don't want to learn you're overdue during a midnight trip to the bathroom.

Are you taking care to only flush the Three P's?
Pee, poop, toilet paper – that's all that should be going down your toilets. No more, no less. Hygiene products, wipes, floss, etc. all go in the trash.

Are you being careful in the kitchen?
Avoid putting fat, oil, and grease (FOG) down the drain as these will solidify and clog your pipes. You should also take care to only put soft perishables through your garbage disposal as things like coffee grounds or eggshells cause clogs.

Your OSSF is a delicate ecosystem.

Are you letting your septic system breathe?
Keeping your drain field clear is critical. Anything heavy like cars, horses, livestock, etc. should NEVER find their way over that drain field. Excess weight on the field compacts the soil and damages your pipes. Standing water should be avoided by using landscaping or gutters to carry water away from the field. Never pave, lay gravel, or build over your drain field and avoid planting trees, bushes, invasive plants, and crops. Only lawns and no-maintenance, low-growing, non-invasive plants should cover your drain field.

You're not poisoning your microbes, are you?
Your drain field is teeming with microbes that break down your waste and turn it into soil. You should take great care to keep them healthy. Medicines, drain cleaner, household cleaning products, bleach, and greases are all toxic to your drain field ecosystem and should be collected in separate containers for proper disposal. If you take care of your microbes, they'll do the rest.

The creation of this mailer was financed through funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This advice is not comprehensive; additional resources can be found online at nctcog.org/envir/natural-resources/tmdl

Sender Here

Hello, is your **Septic System** well-maintained?

Address Here



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- On-Site Sewage Facilities
- General Wastewater Messaging
- Fats, Oils, and Grease
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow BMPs and reporting
- Liquid Waste Management/Hauler Programs

6. NCTCOG Updates and Roundtable

➤ [March 2023 TMDL Newsletter](#) now available

➤ **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Water Resources Council: April 12, 2023 at 10:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
- Stormwater Public Education Task Force: April 19, 2023 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams
- Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable: April 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM at NCTCOG Offices

6. NCTCOG Updates and Roundtable

- Upcoming TMDL Meetings:
 - **TMDL Coordination Committee:** June 14, 2023 at 9:30 AM, location TBD
 - **Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee:** August 22, 2023 at 9:30 AM, NCTCOG Offices
 - **TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum:** September 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM via Microsoft Teams

- **Roundtable:** What is happening in your community?

Discussion

7. Schedule for next meeting:

- ▶ Next meeting tentatively scheduled for July or August 2023, via Microsoft Teams

8. Adjournment

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