

June 2023 Stormwater Reader

Employees for Stormwater Protection

Carrollton is home to numerous parks and beautiful waterways, such as Indian Creek, Furneaux Creek, Hutton Branch, Dudley Branch, Cooks Branch, and the Valwood improvement channel. All of the creeks in Carrollton flow into the Elm Fork branch of the Trinity River. This branch and the other three branches receive water from other creeks in neighboring cities in North Central Texas. The Trinity River itself acts as a vital water source for the region and many others before it flows into the Trinity Bay, which then drains into the Gulf of Mexico. The Trinity River also provides a habitat for many species of fish and wildlife. Keeping our water resources healthy is the goal for Carrollton and other surrounding cities. With your help, we can easily meet this goal.

What makes a waterway healthy? A healthy waterway is one in which the water quality is excellent, trash is non-existent, and the water inhabitants such as fish, plants, and microorganisms are thriving. When we picture a non-healthy waterway, we might picture something like the one here, filled with trash and visibly polluted with sediment. But pollution can come in many forms, some are just not as noticeable as water bottles, plastic bags, cigarette butts, or fast-food wrappers. Pollution that you may not see in creeks includes chlorinated water from a swimming pool, wastewater from commercial car washes, or even sanitary sewer overflows. These sources may appear to be regular water, but they may contain harmful contaminants that will decrease the water quality of a creek or river. While you may not see these pollutants in waterways, you might see something suspicious when making your way around the City. If you see something suspicious, such as water discharged from a pipe or hose, flows of water with any color in it, or an unexplained flow of water in the street, alley, or storm drain, contact the Environmental Services Department at 972-466-3060. Your call can help improve the quality of waterways and keep fish, wildlife, and drinking water sources safe!



Where would you rather kayak? In the polluted waterway, or the healthy one? Make a difference and report pollution when you see it.

