



Neighborhood Water Watch

Wonder what's going on in your waters? Join us to find out!

What is NWW? A program that empowers citizen to watch over and learn about the health of streams in their own neighborhood.

Why? Lots of problems imperil our waters - erosion from poorly managed construction, aging sewer systems, poorly maintained septic fields, and runoff from roads and businesses. These problems can go unnoticed without the watchful eyes of citizens. **Accidents and failures happen, but damage from spills can be minimized if they are found and fixed quickly.** That's where YOU and SRWA come in. The Neighborhood Water Watch program empowers citizens to monitor and learn about the creeks in their own backyards.

How can I participate?: SRWA provides everything you'll need! You just collect a water sample once a week at your sampling site and drop it off at one of our two drop off locations.

- Samples must be dropped off Monday by noon and within 6 hours of collection.
- The drop off locations are at NGTC and at the SRWA office in Clarkesville.

Samples are analyzed for conductivity, turbidity, and E. coli bacteria. The results are uploaded onto nww.chattahoochee.org the next day (Tuesday) where the data is available to the public.

What if something is wrong with my stream? If your sample tests high for E. coli, someone from SRWA go out into the field immediately to investigate. We'll take additional water samples and try to identify the source of the problem and get it fixed. **If notice a problem at your stream or any other, let us know! Take photos if you can and call SRWA at (706) 754-9382 or email SRWA@soque.org.**

What if I have to miss a week? That's okay! We ask for samples weekly so that we can identify changes in your stream and differentiate between acute and chronic problems, but it's okay to miss a week here and there. We usually cancel sample collection for holidays anyway!

Interested in becoming a sampler or supporting this program? Call SRWA at (706) 754-9382 or send an email to SRWA@soque.org.