

# Rain is good. Rain plus pollution isn't.



Today individuals, families and businesses are making a real difference in curbing harmful stormwater runoff.

The problem starts when rain rushes over roofs, roads and parking lots collecting trash and pollution. This pollution winds up in our streams, rivers and bays.

The good news is there are many simple ways we can all

help eliminate the litter, vehicle leaks, landscape clippings and other pollutants that are poisoning our waterways.

Hang on to this Create a Clean Water Future Pocket Guide and you can be part of the solution at home, work or play! This handy pocket guide contains great tips and information on reducing polluted stormwater runoff every day.

## At Home

- Wash your car on the grass or at a commercial car wash to reduce the amount of soap and dirt running into storm drains.
- Bag or compost your leaf and grass clippings to prevent clogged storm drains.
- Pull weeds by hand and avoid using pesticides and herbicides. If necessary, use sparingly and as directed.
- Look for biodegradable household cleaners. Dispose of household chemicals and cleaner containers as directed.
- Sweep your drive rather than hosing it down to prevent toxins like oil and antifreeze from polluting waterways.
- Clean up oil and other car fluids immediately using rags or cat litter.
- Scoop, bag and throw pet waste in the garbage.



## At Work

- Make sure your workplace has adequate trash and recycling facilities.
- Keep construction areas clean and free of litter and extra building materials.
- Dispose of all workplace chemicals properly.
- Prevent sediment from building sites from flowing into rivers and streams.
- Routinely check and maintain septic tanks.
- When landscaping plant native species or drought resistant varieties to reduce irrigation and the use of fertilizer and chemicals.



## At Play

- Keep litter out of pickup truck beds and cover loads so items aren't blown to the ground.
- Clean up after yourself when hunting or fishing to prevent trash, bait containers, cigarette butts and food wrappers from polluting water and woodlands.
- Look for all natural or biodegradable sun protection when swimming.
- Do not discharge raw sewage from boats.
- Volunteer for community cleanup initiatives and restoration projects at local recreation areas and parks.



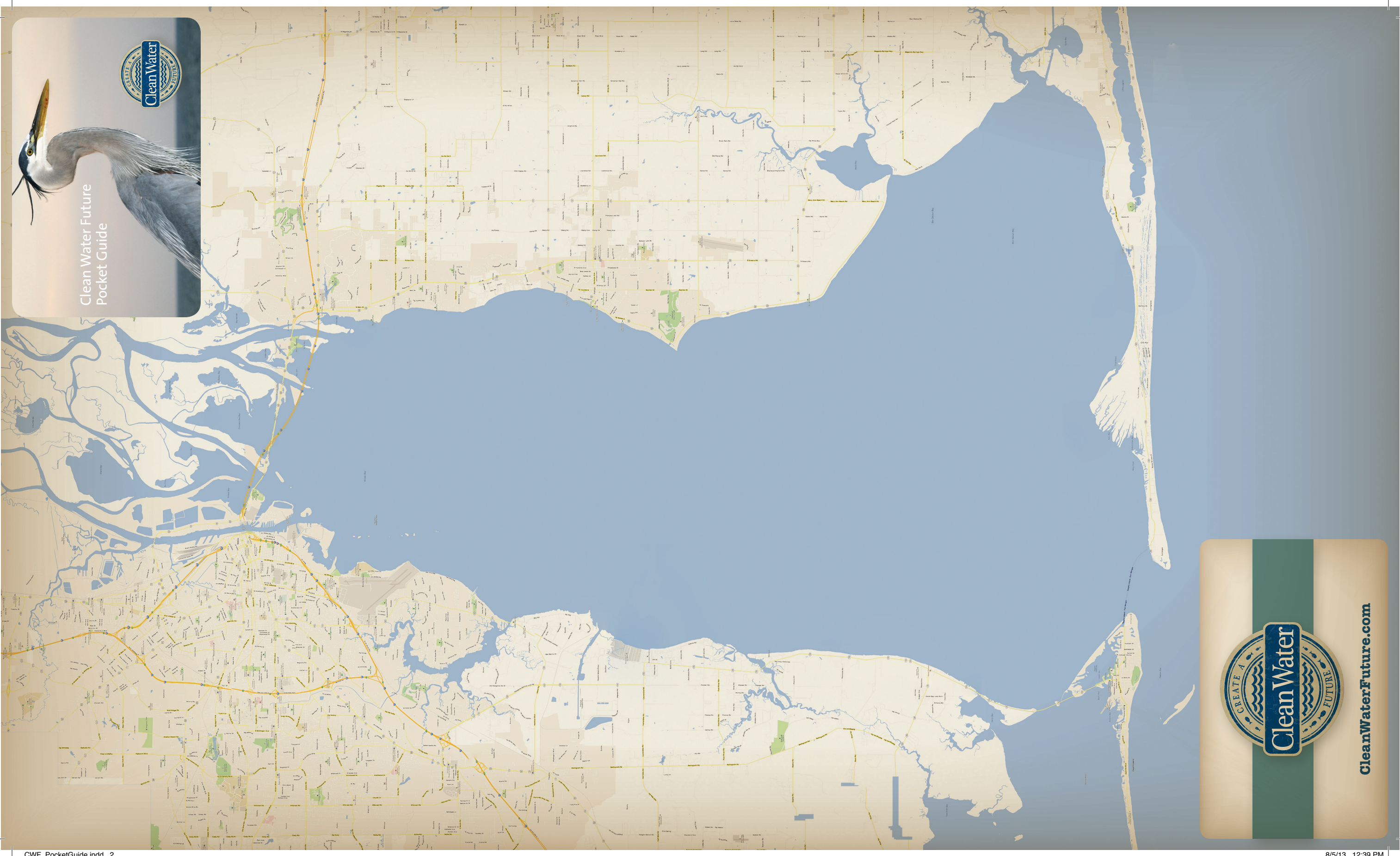
## Who to Call...

A big part of Creating a Clean Water Future is about being an informed and involved member of the community. If you see issues with sewage, sediment or trash in your area waterways, contacting local organizations and associations that oversee or monitor water quality is the first step in finding a solution. Keep the following contact details and organization names handy:

Issue	Agency	Phone Number
<b>BALDWIN COUNTY</b>		
General complaints/concerns	Baldwin County Call Center	580-1655
<b>MOBILE COUNTY</b>		
Litter	Mobile County Environmental Enforcement Department	574-7867
General complaints/concerns in City Limits	City of Mobile	311
<b>STATE</b>		
Anything Environmental	ADEM Mobile Field Office	450-3400
<b>FEDERAL</b>		
Anything Environmental	Environmental Protection Agency	1-800-241-1795
Structures within Water	US Army Corps of Engineers	690-2777

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