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# Water Quality Management Is All Our Responsibility

The Department of Environmental Quality has set Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for water bodies located in the Willamette Basin. TMDL is a plan for implementing a Water Quality Management Plan. The TMDLs limit the amount of specific pollutants that may be discharged into a body of water. To help implement the plan the City has adopted, we ask you to help control bacteria and mercury levels.

- Clean up your pet's waste. This waste eventually runs into our storm drains and into our water bodies, which are the North Santiam River, Breitenbush River, Mackey Creek, Detroit Lake, French Creek and two (2) unnamed tributaries.
- Maintain your driveway and culverts. The cause of mercury bacteria is from erosion of sediments from construction.
- Protect and enhance shading along streams. Vegetation along streams and bodies of water help control temperature to keep mercury and bacteria under control.
- Avoid stormwater runoff from debris. Improper discharge has the potential to infiltrate to ground-water and discharge to surface waters via overland flow or ditch conveyance.