

Where Does Your Water Go?

From Your Home to Local Waterways

Every time you flush, wash dishes, or do laundry, that water has to go somewhere.

Wastewater from homes, neighborhoods, and cities eventually makes its way into the natural waterways that are a vital part of Acadiana's economy, recreation, and culture. That's why it's important to:

- ✓ Maintain your septic or treatment system to avoid clogs and overflows.
- ✓ Avoid flushing grease, wipes, or chemicals that damage systems.
- ✓ Avoid flushing hazardous waste or unused medications.



Your Input Matters

Please consider taking our anonymous survey.
Your input helps improve water management efforts.

- ✓ Tell us what type of system you have.
- ✓ Report common issues or concerns.
- ✓ Get resources for maintaining your system.

The Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District plays a major role in managing water flow across Acadiana, helping to:

- ✓ Keep water moving to prevent stagnation and bacteria buildup.
- ✓ Support crawfish ponds, aquaculture, irrigation, outdoor recreation, and wildlife.
- ✓ Protect sensitive crops and ecosystems from saltwater damage.

While the District does not manage septic or neighborhood systems, its efforts to keep water flowing help protect our region's rivers and bayous. Without the steady flow of fresh water, harmful bacteria from runoff and local wastewater systems could contaminate our waterways, devastating fish populations and other wildlife.

Neighborhood treatment system (shared small-scale system)

Neighborhood treatment systems treat wastewater coming from numerous houses before releasing it into ditches, coulees and bayous.

On-site Sewer Treatment System (e.g. Septic Tank)

Septic tanks filter wastewater underground before it enters local drainage areas or flows into the soil on your property. Keeping your system working properly helps prevent backups and contamination that could impact your property or home.

