

What is the **Clean Water Act** ?



The Clean Water Act establishes regulations for the discharge of pollutants into United States waterways as well as quality standards for surface waters.

How does water become contaminated?

- Fertilizer
- Pesticides
- Antifreeze
- Oil & Gas
- Industrial waste
- Cleaning products
- Paint & Solvents
- Pet waste

History of the Clean Water Act

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948 was the first major U.S. law addressing water pollution. Increased public awareness and concern for controlling point-source water pollution led to sweeping amendments in 1972. After further amendments in 1987, the law covered non-point source pollution and became commonly known as the Clean Water Act (CWA).

Check out ***SURF YOUR WATERSHED*** on epa.gov to find out more about the **UPPER NEW WATERSHED** located in Blacksburg, VA