What is a Watershed?

Watershed Information Sheet

Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District
Serving as the voice of the waterways and the creatures that use and enjoy them

- A watershed is an area of land through which water drains into a common water body.
- We ALL live in a watershed.
- Whatever is on the land eventually makes it into the water.

About Your Watershed

- Fountain Creek is a 927-square mile watershed that includes 3 counties and 8 municipalities.
- The elevation ranges 14,000 to 4,600 feet in our watershed from Pikes Peak to the plains.
- Foutain Creek is a watershed of extremes: Elevation, precipitation, soil types, temperature, steep gradients, diverse ecosystems and diverse water uses make our watershed a challenging environment to manage.
What you can do to protect our watershed:

- Pick up after your pets
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a carwash
- Rake up leaves and sweep up lawn clippings
- “Only Let Rain Down the Storm Drain”
- Garden with native plants

Did you know...

- 19 states rely on water that comes from Colorado.
- Riparian habitat makes up less than 3% of the land in Colorado, but is used by over 90% of the wildlife in the state.

Help out by joining Creek Week!!
Creek Week 2015 is from Sept 26th – Oct 4th. Join us and bring your friends, classmates and family to clean up the watershed!

See www.fountain-crk.org for more information!

In 2014, volunteers collected 6.7 tons of litter and debris from nearly 200 acres of parks, trails and open spaces throughout the Fountain Creek Watershed.

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