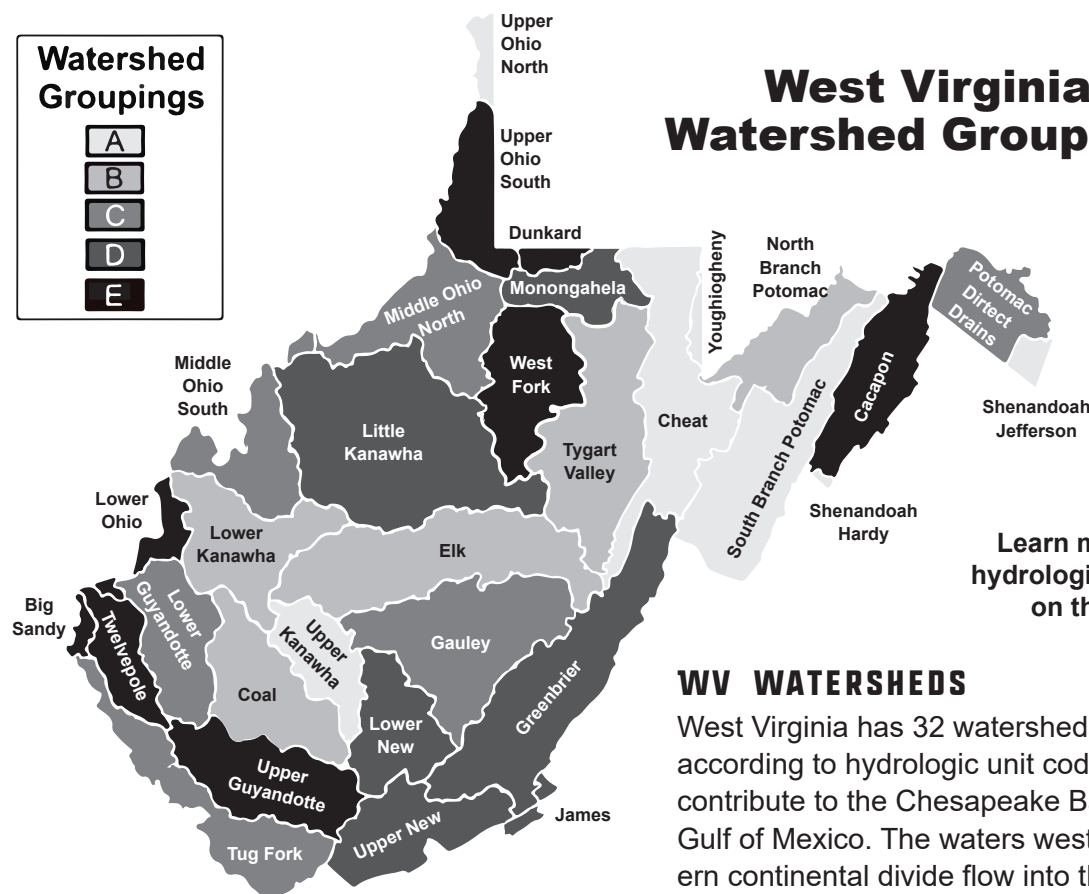




## WEST VIRGINIA WATERSHEDS

A watershed is simply the geographic area through which water flows across the land and drains into a common body of water, whether a stream, river, lake, or ocean. The watershed boundary will more or less follow the highest ridgeline around the stream channels and meet at the bottom or lowest point of the land where water flows out of the watershed, the mouth of the waterway. Much of the water comes from rainfall and stormwater runoff. The quality and quantity of stormwater is affected by all the alterations to the land--mining, agriculture, roadways, urban development, and the activities of people within a watershed. Watersheds are usually separated from other watersheds by naturally elevated areas.

### Watershed Groupings



Learn more about hydrologic unit codes on the back!

### WV WATERSHEDS

West Virginia has 32 watersheds divided according to hydrologic unit codes (HUC) that contribute to the Chesapeake Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The waters west of the eastern continental divide flow into the Ohio River. The Ohio joins the Mississippi River at Cairo, IL. The Mississippi flows into the Gulf of Mexico at New Orleans, LA. The eastern continental divide also changes the course of five of our eastern rivers towards the Potomac River. The Potomac enters the Chesapeake Bay southeast of Washington DC. A few streams in the southeastern corner of the state flow towards the James River. Information is from the WV DEP. For more information check out <https://dep.wv.gov/WWWE/getinvolved/sos/Pages/Watersheds.aspx>

### WHY ARE WATERSHEDS IMPORTANT?

Watersheds are important because the surface water features and stormwater runoff within a watershed ultimately drain to other bodies of water. It is essential to consider these downstream impacts when developing and implementing water quality protection and restoration actions. Everything upstream ends up downstream. We need to remember that we all live downstream and that our everyday activities can affect downstream waters.

*Did you know?* West Virginia has over 9,000 streams covering 32,000 stream miles.



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# What are Hydrologic Unit Codes?

The U.S. is divided and sub-divided into successively smaller hydrologic units which are classified into four levels: regions, subregions, accounting units, and cataloging units. The hydrologic units are arranged or nested within each other, from the largest geographic area (regions) to the smallest geographic area (cataloging units). Each hydrologic unit is identified by a unique hydrologic unit code (HUC) consisting of two to eight digits based on the four levels of classification in the hydrologic unit system. Below are the USGS Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC 8) and DEP Watershed Names for WV.

**A** 50200004 Cheat  
2070007 Shenandoah Jefferson  
2070006 Shenandoah Hardy  
2070001 S. Br Potomac  
5050006 Upper Kanawha  
5030101 Upper Ohio North  
5020006 Youghiogheny

**B** 5050009 Coal  
5050007 Elk  
5050008 Lower Kanawha  
2070002 N Br Potomac  
5020001 Tygart Valley

**C** 5050005 Gauley  
5070102 Lower Gauley  
5030201 Middle Ohio North  
5030202 Middle Ohio South  
2070004 Potomac Drains  
5070201 Tug Fork

**D** 5050003 Greenbrier  
2080201 James  
5030203 Little Kanawha  
5050004 Lower New  
5020003 Monongahela  
5050002 Upper New

**E** 5070204 Big Sandy  
2070003 Cacapon  
5020005 Dunkard  
5090101 Lower Ohio  
5090102 Upper Guyandotte  
5030106 Upper Ohio South  
5020002 West Fork

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SA?

### St. Albans Historical Society

Morgan's Kitchen Fall Fest  
2600 MacCorkle Ave  
**SAT OCT 9th 10am**

### St. Albans Farmers Market

LAST MARKET OF THE SEASON  
**SAT OCT 9th 9:30am - 12:30pm**  
At Morgan Kitchen Museum  
2600 MacCorkle Ave

### On Purpose WV

Learn and help us in  
maintain the city flower beds  
**2nd Tuesday of the month**  
**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**  
For more information:  
304-400-5609  
ONPURPOSEWV@gmail.com  
Facebook @onpurposesa



## SA LEAF PICK UP

### CITY OF ST. ALBANS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FALL LEAF PICKUP

Leaf Pickup will begin Monday,  
October 18, 2021 and  
end at the first snow fall.

\*Please have leaves in one large  
pile at the curb. Please avoid leaves  
going in the street\*

**Monday** – Wards 1 & 2  
**Tuesday** – Wards 3 & 4  
**Wednesday** – Wards 5 & 6  
**Thursday** – Wards 7 & 8  
**Friday** – Ward 9

