



WHAT IS A WATERSHED?



A watershed is a basin-like landform defined by highpoints and ridgelines that descend into lower elevations and stream valleys. A watershed carries water that is "shed" from the land after rain fall and snow melt.

Drop by drop, water is channeled into soils, ground waters, creeks, and streams making its way rivers and eventually to the sea.



BUT WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Water is affected by all that it comes in contact with: the land and soils which it travels. The most important thing about watersheds is that what we do on and to the land affects water quality for all communities living downstream. A watershed isn't just a small area or limited to bodies of water. It is a large area consisting of land, buildings, farms, homes, roads, bodies of water, and more! A watershed is a lot like a funnel, sending stormwater runoff through the area and ultimately into large body of water. For St. Albans, our runoff ultimately goes into the Coal and Kanawha Rivers.

Clean and safe water is the most valuable and needed resource for life not only for humans but also for wildlife, aquatic life, and our environment. Plus, we like to swim, fish, and kayak in these bodies of water.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Never flush unwanted or out-of-date medicines down the toilet or the drain. Find out if your city has a site or program to collect unwanted pharmaceuticals.
- Don't put anything except water down storm drains. These drains are there to carry storm water to our local waterways.
- Pick up after your pets. Like other contaminants, pet waste can run down the storm drains, spreading bacteria.
- Easy with the concrete. The more paved areas there are, the more rain water will run to storm drains, picking up pollutants instead of soaking into the ground.
- Planting native plants allows more water to soak into the ground can help prevent flooding, recharge groundwater supplies, and dilute contaminants.
- Avoid using harmful pesticides or chemical fertilizers and never apply them right before a rain storm.
- Fix leaks that drip from your car and put down a liner in your driveway to collect oil and other materials.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SA?

St. Albans Historical Society

Monthly Open House
404 4th AVE
SAT MAY 1st 10am - 2pm

Spring Fling

SA Road Side Park
SAT MAY 15th 4pm - 8pm
Family fun with live music, food trucks,
Foam Garage, and more!

St. Albans Farmers Market

The Loop parking lot beside the
St. Albans Fire Department
Opening Day June 12, 2021!
SAT JUNE 12th 9:30am - 12:30pm

Yak Fest

Old Main Plaza
FRI JUNE 18th 4pm - 10pm
SAT JUNE 19th 2pm - 10pm
Hosted by the city of St. Albans
For more info check out
yakfestwv.com

Tour De Coal

Coal River Group
SAT JUNE 19th
12 mile kayak float starts at
Meadowbrook Park in Tornado, WV
& ends in St. Albans!
Register at coalrivergroup.com



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

Thank you Veterans & families for your service & support

***All city offices will be closed
MON MAY 31st for Memorial Day.**

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS



CITY SERVICE FEE

Go to
WWW.STALBANSWV.COM
or call **1-833-208-7484**
to make a payment!

You will need your account number on hand.
\$1.50 fee applies to ALL credit card payments.



WATER BILL

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DON'T FORGET

**DO NOT LEAVE
GRASS CLIPPINGS
IN THE STREETS
OR OVER
SIDEWALKS!**



953.11 THROWING OR SCATTERING GARBAGE; PERMITTING PREMISES TO BECOME UNSANITARY.

No person shall throw, place or scatter any garbage, rubbish, trash, grass clippings, leaves or yard debris or other refuse over or upon any premises, street or alley, sewer or drainage basin, either public or private, or adjacent thereto, and either with or without the intent to later remove or burn the same, or permit from the accumulation of refuse, any premises owned, occupied or controlled by any such person to become or remain offensive, unsanitary, unsightly, unsafe to the public health or a fire hazard.

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