

## Unknown Source

To report suspected water pollution when the source of pollutants is not known, contact Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality. You may request a follow-up report on the investigation.

Culpeper County 703-583-3800  
Greene County 540-574-7800  
Madison County 703-583-3800  
Orange County 703-583-3800  
Rappahannock 703-583-3800

## Streams and Wetlands

To report activities causing major in-stream disturbances, or wetland disturbances, contact the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

All Counties 757-201-7606

You may also contact the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

All Counties 757-247-2200

## Agricultural Activities

To report water pollution resulting from agricultural activities, contact the Agricultural Stewardship Act Program Coordinator at the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

All Counties 804-837-9312  
[Tim.Higgs@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:Tim.Higgs@vdacs.virginia.gov)

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# Reporting Water Pollution A Citizens' Guide



*Who to call if you are  
concerned about a  
potential pollution  
issue affecting a  
local body of water.*



## Protecting Clean Water Supplies

The mission of the Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District is to promote the stewardship of soil and water resources through education and technical assistance for the benefit and enjoyment of the citizens of Culpeper, Greene, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock Counties.

Although the District's programs are voluntary, there are laws and regulations administered by other agencies that protect rivers, lakes and streams from activities which cause water pollution.

The public can help protect local water quality by reporting to the appropriate agency any activity which may be causing water pollution. The following information is provided to help the public keep Virginia's surface waters clean.

## Who to Contact

Local erosion and sediment control ordinances are established in each county, as mandated by state law, to protect water bodies and other properties from construction-related erosion and sedimentation.

Some activities, such as agriculture, forestry, mining, and state agency projects, are exempt from these ordinances. They are covered by separate regulations, and should be reported to the appropriate agency.

## Construction-Related

To report pollution occurring from construction-related soil erosion or sedimentation, contact your county erosion and sediment control program inspector (in each county planning department). You can request a copy of the ordinance and a follow-up report.

Culpeper County 540-727-3404  
Greene County 434-985-5282  
Madison County 540-948-6102  
Orange County 540-672-4347  
Rappahannock 540-675-5340



Citizens can also file a report with the state erosion and sediment control inspector at the Department of Environmental Quality. The state provides oversight responsibilities for local county programs and can assist with inspections once notified.

All Counties 804-698-4037  
[ConstructionGP@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:ConstructionGP@deq.virginia.gov)

## Timber Harvest

To report erosion and sedimentation pollution related to timber harvest operations, contact your local office of the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Culpeper & Rappahannock 540-347-6358  
Madison, Greene & Orange 434-977-5193

Forest land clearing after timber harvests are completed is not covered by the Department of Forestry. This activity is covered by county erosion and sediment control programs, and problems should be reported to the county erosion and sediment control inspector (see *Construction Related*). Post harvest land clearing is *not* an exempt activity under the erosion and sedimentation control law.

