



# Jefferson County Environmental Community Resource Booklet



JEFFERSON  
COUNTY  
CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT



City of Birmingham  
Stormwater Management



**Agency Name:**

# City of Bessemer Stormwater Management

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## **Mission Statement:**

The City of Bessemer Stormwater Management strives to bring an enhanced quality of life for the citizens of Bessemer through environmental education and stewardship by promoting responsible use and protection of the natural environment.



## **What services does your agency provide?**

Environmental Education Seminars, Water Quality Monitoring, Spill and Illicit Discharge Investigations, Construction Site BMP Inspections and Cooking Oil and Grease Recycling.

## **Who benefits from the programs and services of your division?**

The program is designed to bring a better quality of life to the citizens of the City of Bessemer through environmental stewardship.



## Contact Information:

City of Bessemer, Building and Inspections Department

Address: 1700 Third Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020

Phone: (205) 424 -4060, ext. 4188

Website: [www.bessemeral.org](http://www.bessemeral.org)



**Agency Name:**

# City of Birmingham Stormwater Management

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## **Mission Statement:**

The Watershed Management Team strives to bring an enhanced quality of life through services and partnerships that promote a quality environment and economic development opportunities.



## **What services does your agency provide?**

We work as a city municipality as leaders of stormwater protection. Our duty is to serve and educate the citizens by meeting National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations, eliminating stormwater related issues, and creating a better quality of life for the Citizens of Birmingham.

## **Who benefits from the programs and services of your division?**

The Citizens of Birmingham, downstream communities, and regional partners benefit from our programs and services.



## Contact Information:

Phone: (205) 714-8644

Fax: (205) 254-2925

Website: <https://www.birminghamal.gov/stormwatermanagement>



**Agency Name:**

# Keep Birmingham Beautiful

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## **Mission Statement:**

To serve the citizens of Birmingham by developing and implementing effective public environmental education and community improvement programs.

To promote environmental awareness, promote recycling and partner with agencies to implement effective community related projects.



## **What services does your agency provide?**

KBB can help neighborhoods to plan their clean-up projects. Promote residential recycling in the schools and promote the maintenance of clean school campuses. KBB also works with other agencies completing community projects. KBB loans equipment, such as tillers, needed to create community gardens, and provide tools, garbage bags needed for clean-up projects. FREE Recycling Services are provided by the City of Birmingham on Wednesday at 6:00 a.m. Garbage Collection Services for disabled or elderly that need assistance can call 311 or (205) 254-6314.

## **Who benefits from the programs and services of your division?**

The communities, general public and schools in the City of Birmingham.

## **Contact Information:**

Phone: (205) 254-2662

Fax: (205) 254-2925

E-mail [KBB@birminghamal.gov](mailto:KBB@birminghamal.gov)

Website: <https://www.birminghamal.gov/about/keep-birmingham-beautiful/>

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**Agency Name:**

# Jefferson County Conservation District

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## **Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to provide service, leadership, and assistance to all citizens for the wise use, conservation, and development of our natural resources.



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## **What services does your agency provide?**

We work to promote healthy soil, fishable and drinkable water, sustainable forests, and clean air to cultivate a prosperous farming industry and improve quality of life for all Jefferson County citizens. The District assesses conservation problems on the local level, sets priorities, then coordinates and carries out appropriate programs, working hand in hand with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Eligible farmers and landowners may apply to participate in these programs to become better stewards of the land. Additionally, the District carries out many educational programs to help students learn about good stewardship and conservation of our natural resources.

## **Who benefits from the programs and services of your division?**

All citizens and students of Jefferson County benefit from the programs offered by the Jefferson County Conservation District.



## Contact Information:

Address: 6267 Park South Drive, Suite 102, Bessemer, AL 35022

Phone: (205) 565-2650

E-mail: [jefferson@alconservationdistricts.org](mailto:jefferson@alconservationdistricts.org)

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffcoswcd/>



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**Agency Name:**

# Jefferson County Environmental Services Household Cooking Oil and Grease Recycling Program

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## **Mission Statement:**

To encourage recycling of household cooking oil and grease for the residents of Jefferson County.



## **Services:**

We provide a free recycling program to promote the health and maintenance of our sewer system to decrease blockages caused by the improper disposal of oil and grease from the kitchen.

## **Who benefits from the programs and services of your division?**

All county residents benefit from well-maintained sewer system with fewer blockages and consistent maximum flow in the sewer lines.

## **Contact Information:**

Phone: (205) 238-3877

Fax: (205) 940-7295

E-mail: [greasecontrol@jccal.org](mailto:greasecontrol@jccal.org)

Website: [www.jeffcoes.org](http://www.jeffcoes.org)



- Edible oil products only (cooking oil or grease)
- Allow oil to cool before pouring into container
- No fuel or motor oil accepted

For More Information  
Call 205.238.3876



**Agency Name:**

# Alabama Cooperative Extension System Jefferson County Office

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**Mission Statement:**

The Alabama  
Cooperative Extension  
System, the primary



outreach organization for the land-grant mission of Alabama A&M University and Auburn University, delivers research-based educational programs that enable people to improve their quality of life and economic well-being.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System provides educational opportunities and information grounded in research-based science.

**What services does your agency provide?**

Programs and information on agriculture, family and consumer science, 4-H and youth development, wildlife, forestry, natural resources, economic and community development, and urban affairs.

**Who benefits from the programs and services of your division?**

Citizens of Alabama

**Contact Information:**

Phone: (205) 325-5342

Fax: (205) 325-5690

Website: [www.aces.edu](http://www.aces.edu)

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**Agency Name:**

# Jefferson County Development Services Department's Stormwater Program

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## **Mission Statement:**

The Jefferson County Development Services Department's Stormwater Program is responsible for preventing and investigating pollution that may enter the County's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), thereby improving water quality in the waterways of Jefferson County. Jefferson County is required to implement the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations. It does this through the Development Services Department's Stormwater Program. The Stormwater Program is responsible for preventing and investigating pollution that may enter the County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The goal is to improve water quality in the waterways of Jefferson county in order to protect the safety and health of residents. The Stormwater Program works with other County Departments to ensure Jefferson County is meeting federal and state regulations to reduce the amount of stormwater pollution to our local rivers, creeks, lakes and streams.



## **What services does your agency provide?**

The Stormwater Program is responsible for implementing the following activities within unincorporated areas of Jefferson County:

- Sampling and monitoring waterways according to NPDES Permit guidelines
- Issuing land disturbance activity permits for residential and commercial construction projects



- Providing a Hotline (205) 325-5792 for residents to report suspected water pollution
- Investigating water pollution and construction site complaints
- Implementing public education and involvement activities which include providing materials and support for community roadside litter cleanups; presentations for schools, communities, and businesses; workshops, trainings and seminars for residents; informative publications, displays and materials online and in public places
- Preparing and submitting an annual report to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

## **Who benefits from the programs and services of your division?**

Unincorporated Jefferson County residents; residents living in adjacent municipalities

### **Contact Information:**

Phone: (205) 325-5321, option #7

Fax: (205) 325-5743

Website: [www.jccal.org](http://www.jccal.org)



Agency Name:

# Jefferson County Department of Health Watershed Protection Program

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## Mission Statement:

The mission of the JCDH Watershed Protection Program is to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public

by protecting and enhancing the water quality of the members of Storm Water Management Authority, Inc. The following members' cities are served by the program to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) requirements for storm water compliance.



- Adamsville
- Pinson
- Mountain Brook
- Midfield
- Center Point
- Brighton
- Pleasant Grove
- Tarrant
- Gardendale
- Clay
- Brookside
- Trussville
- Hueytown
- Graysville
- Fairfield
- Lipscomb
- Irondale
- Homewood
- Mulga
- Maytown
- Vestavia Hills

## What services does your agency provide?

- Conduct water sampling to monitor prohibited pollutant discharges from entering a storm drain or stream
- Conduct public educational activities and presentations on watershed protection
- Analyze water samples to identify 'Hot Spots'
- Map high-risk areas in order to develop long term strategies
- Monitor residential and commercial construction sites for proper erosion control

## Who benefits from the programs and services of your division?

Residents of SWMA member cities have an opportunity to protect streams and rivers by calling the JCDH WPP Storm Water Hotline number (205) 930-1999, to report pollution in surface waters. To learn how your school or civic organization can receive education material on upcoming community events or interested in having a speaker present to your group please visit the website below for additional information.

### Contact Information:

Address: 1400 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35233

Phone: (205) 930-1230

Fax: (205) 939-3019

Website: [www.jcdh.org](http://www.jcdh.org)



**Agency Name:**

# UAB Recycling

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## **Mission Statement:**

UAB's goal is to reduce waste, reuse what we can, and divert all recyclables away from landfill.

## **What services does your agency provide?**

UAB offers a Recycling Drop-Off Center which is located at 620 11<sup>th</sup> Street South and is open to UAB faculty, staff, students and the general public. The service hours are 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Please bring recycling materials already separated in any bag, box or carrying bin. All containers may be kept for re-use.



### **Materials accepted include:**

- Cans (aluminum and steel)
- Paper Products (clean recyclable paper, shredded paper must be bagged, boxes should be flattened)
- Plastic bottles empty and rinsed (#1 bottles and cups only)
- Used Cooking Oil/Grease – place in white shed at entrance, full containers should be placed on bottom shelf
- Electronics – in partnership with Protec Recycling, items are ONLY accepted by calling (205) 934-9675 for an appointment

### **Materials that are NOT accepted include:**

- 6-pack rings
- Ammunition
- Automotive Products
- Glass
- Greasy/food contaminated paper (Pizza boxes, etc.)
- Hazardous Waste
- Plastic bags, plates or utensils
- Plastic that shatters
- Stickers or labels by themselves
- Styrofoam

## Contact Information:

E-mail: [sustainability@uab.edu](mailto:sustainability@uab.edu)

Website: <https://www.uab.edu/facilities/fm/sservices/rec>



**Agency Name:**

# Freshwater Land Trust

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**Mission Statement:**

The Freshwater Land Trust conserves, connects, and cares for land and water in Central Alabama, creating dynamic green spaces for future generations.



**What services does your agency provide?**

Since 1996, we have worked to conserve areas that are critical for the protection of rivers and habitats and that provide recreational opportunities for local communities.

- **Conserve:** We own almost 5,000 acres of land, making us one of the largest owners of private nature preserves in Alabama, and we have helped protect over 11,000 acres of land in our short seventeen-year history.
- **Care for:** We actively manage our land in order to keep our waters clean and our ecosystems healthy.
- **Connect:** We partner with local communities to identify and develop outdoor recreational opportunities that meet their unique needs.
- One of our signature projects is the Red Rock Trail System, a network of trails, parks, bike lanes, and sidewalks in Jefferson County.



## Who benefits from the programs and services of your division?

We work in Bibb, Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Walker, and Tuscaloosa counties and are proud to partner with governments, corporations, landowners, and community groups.

### Contact Information:

Address: 2308 1st Ave North, Birmingham, AL 35203

Phone: (205) 417-2777

Website: [www.freshwaterlandtrust.org](http://www.freshwaterlandtrust.org)



# Resource Directory

## Libraries

<http://www.bplonline.org/>

## Soil Testing

### University of Alabama Safe State

<http://alabamasafestate.ua.edu/index.php>

### Alabama Cooperative Extension Systems

<http://www.aces.edu/anr/soillab/>

## Environmental

### Jefferson County Department of Health

<http://www.jcdh.org>

## Parks and Trails

<http://www.reachforbetterhealth.com/parksrx>

<http://www.freshwaterlandtrust.org/find-a-trail/>

## Recycling

### Environmental Protection Agency-Surf Your Watershed

<https://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/locate/index.cfm>

### Environmental Protection Agency -Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle>

### Environmental Protection Agency-Electronics Donation and Recycling

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/electronics-donation-and-recycling#where>

### Jefferson County Environmental Services

<http://www.jeffcoes.org>

***Disclaimer:** Check with your local municipality or county agency for updates on resource topics listed above for changes.*

















**Electronic Version Available at [www.jcdh.org](http://www.jcdh.org)**

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