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# News Release

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## August is National Water Quality Month

ABILENE, Texas - August is National Water Quality Month, so it's a good time to talk about our local water.

Everything we do on land, in the water or near the water impacts the environment around us. Water quality is linked to a healthy ecosystem and quality of life. Here are a few tips you can use to help protect our local water:

- Make sure to clean up after pets.
- Properly dispose of household chemicals, oils, and antifreeze at the Environmental Recycling Center.
- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Prevent leaf litter and grass buildup in the curb or drainage way.
- Keep storm drains clean. Only rain down the storm drain.
- Install a rain barrel to collect rainwater and use it for landscaping.
- Adopt a creek or street to help clean up litter.

To celebrate August as National Water Quality Month, the City of Abilene Stormwater Services and Keep Abilene Beautiful have partnered together to host several events:

- All month long at The Abilene Zoo visitors can take the “Raindrop Tour” and learn about our water and ways to protect it at home.
- Keep Abilene Beautiful will host a Social Media Litter Pick-Up Pic Challenge to raise awareness on the impact litter has on our local waterways using #AbileneStormwater
- Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 a.m. - 100 Rain barrel give away at the Environmental Recycling Center, 2209 Oak Street. Barrels with kits will be given away, while supplies last—one per vehicle.
- 20 new pet waste stations will be installed within our park systems.
- 10 signs placed around local construction sites encouraging calls to Stormwater Services for any on-site sediment and erosion control issues.

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