



# 2019

## CALHOUN COUNTY COMMUNITY **CALENDAR**

BATTLE CREEK AREA CLEAN WATER PARTNERS



# THE BATTLE CREEK AREA CLEAN WATER PARTNERS

## WHO WE ARE

The Battle Creek Clean Water Partnership is the City of Battle Creek; the City of Springfield; the Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner; the Calhoun County Road Department; the townships of Bedford, Emmett, Leroy, Newton, and Pennfield; the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center; Kellogg Community College; and Battle Creek Area Schools joining together with the common goal of protecting the waterways in our area.

## PROTECTION POLICIES THE WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN

To protect drinking water in our county, Wellhead Protection Plans have been developed for six communities: the City of Battle Creek, the City of Albion, the City of Marshall, Pennfield Township, and the Village of Athens.

Elements include:

- A pro-active initiative to prevent contamination
- A designated wellhead protection area around each well field
- Land use and zoning ordinances when new construction occurs within the area to prevent potential contamination
- A contingency plan in case a contamination incident occurs

## WATERSHED PROTECTION

The problem of Nonpoint Source pollution (NPS) is not a small one. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) reports it as the leading remaining cause of water quality problems. We all play a part and may not realize it. Each and every one of us contributes to the problem because it results from human activity on the land. It is our responsibility to do all we can to protect our surface water as individuals, and as a community.



For more info visit Battle Creek Area Clean Water Partners at [www.bewater.org](http://www.bewater.org)



# CALHOUN COUNTY OUR WATER MATTERS

## ABOUT THIS CALENDAR

The Battle Creek Area Clean Water Partners (BCACWP) is proud to present this 2019 wall calendar for the residents of Calhoun County. The featured photographs were all taken within the Kalamazoo River Watershed within Calhoun County by local photographers, many of whom participated in a BCACWP photo contest. The purpose of the calendar is to display the many beautiful areas within our county and to bring focus to an unseen resource; groundwater, which is the source of drinking water in the entire county.

## WATER IS LIFE

Both surface water and groundwater are overlooked for the value they bring. Groundwater sustains us in the form of drinking water and the Kalamazoo River Watershed and St. Joseph River Watershed provide habitat for wildlife and recreation for our residents.

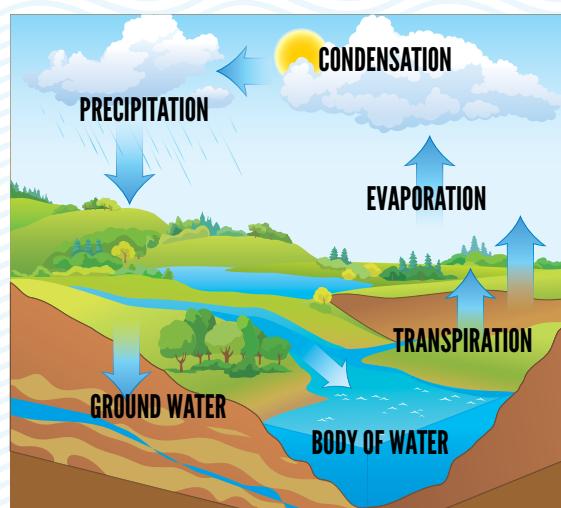
## HOW TO DO YOUR PART

You can follow the simple steps outlined in the calendar to help protect our water from sources of pollution. The steps we take now will help protect our water for future generations.

## UNDERSTANDING THE WATER CYCLE

Water is something we often take for granted. From the lakes and streams we play and fish in, to the water we use everyday to clean and nourish our bodies, water plays an important part in our lives. It's a natural resource that we simply can't live without. That's why it's our responsibility to protect our water resources for the next generation. In order to do that, we need to better understand the water cycle and how it works.

### WHAT IS GROUNDWATER?



- Water that collects underground, filling cracks and spaces in layers of sand, gravel and rock
- Layers of earth that hold enough groundwater to supply a well are referred to as aquifers
- Rain and snow runoff recharge the groundwater supply
- Pollutants can seep into the groundwater making it unsafe to use

### HOW IS GROUNDWATER USED?

- Groundwater makes up nearly 50% of the drinking water in the State of Michigan
- Groundwater is used for agricultural irrigation and a variety of industrial and business purposes

### WHAT IS SURFACE WATER?

- Rain water and runoff that collects in lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands on the earth's surface
- Surface water also comes from groundwater

## HOW IS SURFACE WATER USED?

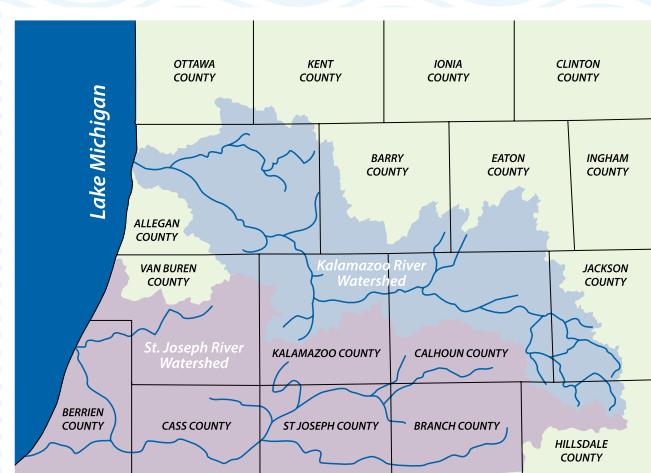
- Surface waters provide a natural habitat for wildlife
- As a recreational area for the people of our community
- Interconnected with groundwater—our source of drinking water

## HOW DO POLLUTANTS ENTER SURFACE WATERS?

- Storm sewers are the main source of pollutants, draining virtually everything from lawns, streets, and parking lots directly into local surface waters in the urban areas of our county
- Storm water is not cleaned and is known as Nonpoint Source pollution. Common contaminants include: fertilizers, pesticides, grass clippings, leaves, oil, grease, toxic chemicals, sediment, and livestock and pet waste
- As a matter of fact, too much phosphorus is making its way into both the Kalamazoo River Watershed and the St. Joseph River Watershed causing increased algae blooms and lower oxygen levels affecting aquatic life

## OUR WATERSHED

What is a watershed? It is an area where all water drains into the same body of water, such as a river or lake, based on topography and elevation. Two major watersheds are in our county, the Kalamazoo River Watershed and the St. Joseph River Watershed. The rivers and their tributaries flow until they reach Lake Michigan.



THE KALAMAZOO RIVER AND ST. JOSEPH RIVER WATERSHEDS



Photograph by Richard Burkart Jr.

Our Waterways belong to ALL of us. Please help protect them.

**CLEAN WATER TIP:**

KEEP ROAD SALT AND DE-ICING CHEMICALS OUT OF OUR WATER  
Shovel snow and ice early and often to limit your use of sand, salt, and de-icing chemicals.

**ACT:**

When safety requires it, try an alternative to salt. Look at the USEPA's Design for the Environment webpage at: [www.epa.gov/saferchoice](http://www.epa.gov/saferchoice)

**MOON PHASES**

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New Year's Day

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Styrofoam Collection  
9AM until Noon  
Battle Creek DPW  
[calhouncountyrecycling.com](http://calhouncountyrecycling.com)

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Martin Luther  
King Day

Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influence of the earth.

**HENRY DAVID THOREAU**



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# FEBRUARY

Photograph by Linda Gillespie

Our Waterways belong to ALL of us. Please help protect them.

#### CLEAN WATER TIP:

##### HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, oil, paint, and other potential toxics in ways that protect your family and your drinking water. Never pour them down storm drains, sinks, or onto the ground. Call 269-969-6395 for more information.

#### ACT:

Stay up to date on HHW Collections (free for Calhoun County residents) by visiting [www.calhouncountyclerycling.com](http://www.calhouncountyclerycling.com) and finding the "events" page.

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Groundhog Day

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Lincoln's Birthday

Valentine's Day

Great Backyard  
Bird Count  
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President's Day

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You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

**JANE GOODALL**



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**CLEAN WATER TIP:**

**PHARMACEUTICALS**

Never flush unused medications down the drain or toilet. They can end up in the ground, and eventually in the water we share.

**ACT:**

Bring pharmaceuticals to a Redbox location in the Battle Creek area. Visit [www.drugfreebc.org](http://www.drugfreebc.org) for more information.

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World Wildlife Day Ash Wednesday

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Daylight Savings (begins) Plant a Flower Day

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St. Patrick's Day Spring Equinox International Day of Forests World Water Day

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Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better — it's not!

DR. SEUSS



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# APRIL

Photograph by David Lawrence

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#### CLEAN WATER TIP:

##### FERTILIZER

The State of Michigan has passed a law banning the use of harmful phosphorus lawn fertilizers in order to protect our water resources. Check the label before buying fertilizer. The bag will show a series of three numbers. Look for the ZERO in the middle to find a phosphorus-free fertilizer that won't pollute our water.

#### ACT:

Adopt a storm drain on your street and please keep it clean of leaves, dirt, grass clippings, and other debris.

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calhouncountyclerycling.com

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Palm Sunday

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Easter

Earth Day

Arbor Day

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When one tugs at a single thing in nature,  
he finds it attached to the rest of the world.

JOHN MUIR



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#### CLEAN WATER TIP:

##### RAIN WATER

Runoff from rain water is the only thing that should wash down our storm drains. Anything else — grass clippings, leaves, motor oil, even fertilizer — is considered an illicit discharge. If you witness suspicious dumping into storm drains, visit [www.bewater.org](http://www.bewater.org)

#### ACT:

Rain barrels are an excellent resource to help reduce storm runoff and lower water bills. Purchase a rain barrel at [www.upcycle-products.com](http://www.upcycle-products.com)

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection:  
Marshall 10AM until Noon  
[calhouncountycycling.com](http://calhouncountycycling.com)

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Cinco de Mayo Ramadan Begins Children's Water Festival

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Mother's Day Armed Forces Day

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International Day for Biological Diversity

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Memorial Day

In the spring, at the end of the day,  
you should smell like dirt.

MARGARET ATWOOD



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#### CLEAN WATER TIP:

##### PET WASTE

Be a responsible pet owner and prevent contamination of the surface water and groundwater we all share by cleaning up anything "left behind" on your walk. A clean walk is a great walk.

#### ACT:

Enjoy our local waterways by signing up to participate in a Kanoe The Kazoo event at [www.kalamazooriver.org](http://www.kalamazooriver.org)

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June is Great Outdoors Month!

Seasonal Photo Contest Begins  
[bcwater.org](http://bcwater.org)

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Global Wind Day

Rain Barrel: Mail-in Order Deadline

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Rain Barrel: Online Order Deadline

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Summer Solstice

Rain Barrel: Pick Up Event, 4-6pm  
150 S Kendall St  
Battle Creek

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If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water.

LOREN EISELEY



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#### CLEAN WATER TIP:

##### IRRIGATION

Watering plants too much and too frequently results in shallow roots, weed growth, diseases, fungus, and stormwater runoff. Don't over water. Learn plants' water needs and water appropriately.

#### ACT:

Properly close abandoned wells on your property. They can act as conduits for contamination of groundwater. Call the Calhoun County Health Department for information at 269-969-6341.

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Come run the hidden pine trails of the forest,  
Come taste the sunsweet berries of the Earth,  
Come roll in all the riches all around you,  
And for once, never wonder what they're worth.

POCAHONTAS



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# AUGUST

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#### CLEAN WATER TIP:

##### TRAVEL TRAILER WASTE DISPOSAL

Now that camping season is nearly over, remember to properly dispose of your black water tank waste at a designated RV sanitary dump station. Improper disposal of waste contaminates the ground and water and leaves the "great outdoors"—not-so-great!

#### ACT:

Maintain septic systems as improperly working septic systems can pollute both surface water and groundwater. If you have a septic system, have it checked and pumped every few years to ensure it is working properly.

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Battle Creek

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Kanoe the Kazoo  
Marshall to  
Battle Creek

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Electronics and  
Styrofoam Collection:  
Battle Creek DPW  
9AM until 1PM  
[calhouncountyrecycling.com](http://calhouncountyrecycling.com)

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Do unto those downstream as you would  
have those upstream do unto you.

WENDELL BERRY



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# SEPTEMBER

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#### CLEAN WATER TIP:

##### CAR WASHING

Wash your car at a commercial car wash or on the lawn so that wash water can be absorbed and naturally filtered, avoiding streets and storm drains.

#### ACT:

Maintain oil tanks both above and underground, as leaking underground storage tanks are a major source of contamination to both surface water and groundwater. Check tanks regularly for leaks.

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						Household Hazardous Waste Collection: Marshall 10AM until Noon <a href="http://calhouncountyrecycling.com">calhouncountyrecycling.com</a>

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World Rivers Day

Rosh Hashanah begins

To do good, you actually have to do something.

YVON CHOUINARD



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Photograph by Charles W. Kimble

# OCTOBER

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#### CLEAN WATER TIP:

##### FALL LEAVES

The next time you rake your leaves, mulch, bag, or compost them, but don't let them run into the storm drains. Adopt a storm drain on your street and please keep it clean of leaves, dirt, grass clippings, and other debris.

#### ACT:

Drink tap water instead of bottle water. Gallon after gallon of purified tap water from area water treatment plants is pumped directly to our homes and businesses everyday for less than a penny a gallon. Low cost. No bottles. No waste.

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World Animal Day

Krazy for the Kazoo  
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World Habitat Day

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Halloween

Water is the driving force in nature.  
**LEONARDO DA VINCI**



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# NOVEMBER

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#### CLEAN WATER TIP:

##### WASTE WATER

Toilets are only meant for one activity, and you know what we're talking about! When the wrong thing is flushed, results can include costly backups on your own property or problems at our wastewater treatment plant.

#### ACT:

All of those bathroom wipes that are advertised as "flushable" aren't so flushable after all! When these wipes are flushed, clogs and backups can occur in the sanitary sewer system. This leads to costly repairs! Remember — No Wipes in the Pipes!

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Veterans Day

America Recycles Day

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Thanksgiving Day

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Everyone thinks of changing the world,  
but no one thinks of changing himself.

LEO TOLSTOY



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**CLEAN WATER TIP:**

De-icers such as magnesium chloride have fewer adverse environmental impacts to our water and are not as corrosive as sodium chloride. Check labels to choose a deicer that fits your conditions and apply it early and sparingly.

**ACT:**

Try using all natural /non-toxic household cleaners! Materials like lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar make awesome cleaning products, are inexpensive, and environmentally-friendly.

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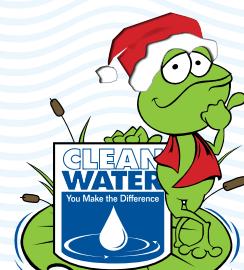
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	Hanukkah begins	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	●		
29	30	31				
		New Year's Eve				

Anything else you're interested in is not going to happen if you can't breathe the air and drink the water. Don't sit this one out. Do something. You are, by accident of fate, alive at an absolutely critical moment in the history of our planet.

**CARL SAGAN**



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# 2019 CALHOUN COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR



JANUARY Richard Burkart Jr.



APRIL David Lawrence



JULY Linda Gillespie



OCTOBER Charles W. Kimble



FEBRUARY Linda Gillespie



MAY Josh McCann



MARCH David Lawrence



JUNE Josh McCann



SEPTEMBER Josh McCann



NOVEMBER David Lawrence

## RESOURCES/CONTACTS

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Battle Creek, MI 49014  
Water Department  
269-966-3496  
Wastewater Treatment  
269-966-3315  
Water Billing  
269-966-3366  
[battlecreekmi.gov](http://battlecreekmi.gov)

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Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator  
Calhoun County Community Development Department  
315 W. Green St.  
Marshall, MI 49068  
269-969-6395  
[calhouncountyrecycling.com](http://calhouncountyrecycling.com)

### CITY OF ALBION

519 N. Superior Street  
Albion, MI 49224  
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323 W. Michigan Ave.  
Marshall, MI 49068  
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601 Avenue A  
Springfield, MI 49037  
269-965-2354  
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### FOR TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

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### CALHOUN COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER

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315 West Green Street  
Marshall, MI 49068  
269-781-0790  
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### BATTLE CREEK AREA CLEAN WATER PARTNERS

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