

Use this map to learn which watershed you live in. Residents of all of these watershed are welcome to participate in Backyard Watershed Stewards. Whichever watershed you live in, the rain, sleet, and snow that falls on your home will eventually end up in an important waterbody. For most residents of Scituate, Foster, and Glocester this water will end up in the Scituate Reservoir. For other residents it will end up in a river that enters the ocean at either Narragansett Bay or Long Island Sound. Water can carry pollution with it as it travels, so **residents of every watershed have a huge impact on the waters that we drink and enjoy!**



SCITUATE RESERVOIR WATERSHED BACKYARD WATERSHED STEWARDS



Join us to become a Backyard Watershed Steward in 2020! This effort challenges you to learn about the water resources right at your home and to make changes that will help protect Rhode Island's drinking water.

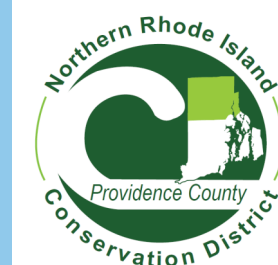
THREATS TO OUR WATER

Though the Scituate Reservoir and most local groundwater are both very high quality water sources, threats to our drinking water do exist in our homes and communities. Animal waste (from pets, farm animals, and wild animals like geese), excess road salt, gas and motor oil, poorly functioning septic systems, and lawn chemicals are just a few types of pollution that put our drinking water at risk. The good news? Small changes made by homeowners like you can make a big difference for our state's water supply. Visit landwaterconnection.org for more information!



CLEAN WATER BEGINS AT HOME!

Large parts of the towns of Scituate, Foster, Glocester, and western Johnston are in the Scituate Reservoir watershed. The Scituate Reservoir is Rhode Island's largest freshwater waterbody and provides drinking water to over 60% of the state's residents. Most Scituate Reservoir watershed residents drink water from private wells. The groundwater that feeds these wells is part of the Scituate Reservoir watershed, too. Protecting our water helps your drinking water and the Scituate Reservoir, too!



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

In Backyard Watershed Stewards

A SCITUATE RESERVOIR WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM INITIATIVE

MAP

your home or building and mark the locations of your well, septic system, and other resources that impact our water supply, on the inside of this page.



FIND

at least one change that you can make to help protect our drinking water.

SEND

the completed survey to us online at landwaterconnection.org or by mail



RECEIVE

a prize that proudly identifies you to your neighbors as a Backyard Watershed Steward



**VISIT LANDWATERCONNECTION.ORG TO
LEARN MORE AND SEE A SAMPLE MAP!**

The Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program is a partnership between Providence Water and Northern Rhode Island Conservation District



Join Us And Take The Challenge!

1. Learn your watershed address using the map on the next page
2. Sketch your home from above (hint-Google Maps can help you come up with a good map!)
3. If you can safely do so while social distancing, get outside and walk your land! Look for the following and mark and label their locations on your map: your **well**, your **septic tank**, your **septic leach field**, any **animal enclosures**, and any **streams, lakes, or vernal pools** on your property.
4. Outline any areas on your map that are **forested**, or covered with trees.
5. Mark other areas of interest, such as compost piles, work sheds, etc.
6. **Now It's Time To Plan!** Look at your map and look for **at least one change you can make** to help protect well water and surface water. Suggestions include moving animals away from wells or streams, planting a tree, planting bushes next a stream to provide a buffer from your lawn, having your well water tested, skipping strong fertilizers this year and starting a compost pile. Visit landwaterconnection.org for more ideas!
7. Submit your completed map and plan at landwaterconnection.org or mail it to Northern RI Conservation District, 2283 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919. We'll mail you a window sticker, water bottle sticker, or lawn sign (your choice) to display with pride!
8. *Get your neighbors to join in, too!*



RENTERS ARE STILL WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE! IF YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR PROPERTY, YOU CAN SHARE A CHANGE YOU'LL MAKE TO YOUR FAMILY'S BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS PICKING UP AFTER PETS, RECYCLING, OR SWITCHING TO REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES TO CREATE LESS TRASH.

WE RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY! NO NEED TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY'S LOCATION ON YOUR MAP

What change(s) will your family make to help protect ground water and surface water on your property?
The more the better!

Where shall we mail your (circle one) window sticker water bottle sticker lawn sign?

Can we contact you in fall 2020 to see how it went? If so, leave an email!

Would you like to be added to our email list to receive clean water tips and event information? Yes No