

UNDERGROUND UTILITY

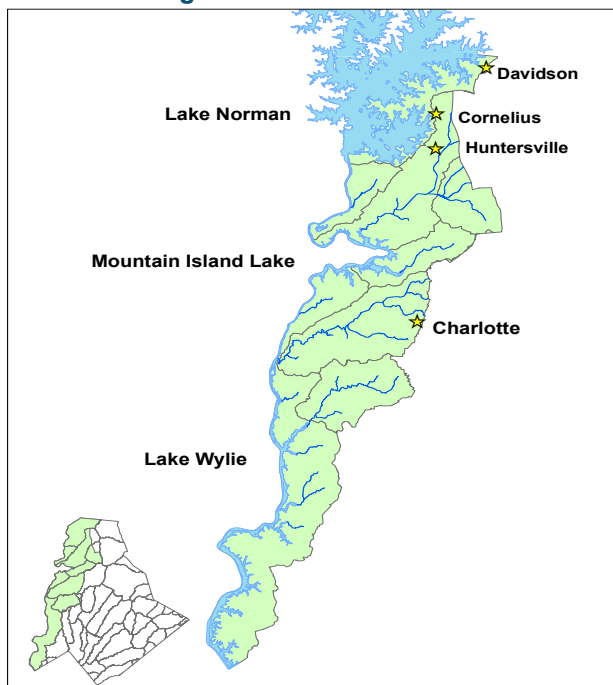
Stormwater Best Management Practices

Protect creeks and lakes.
Avoid fines for polluting.



Map of Critical Watersheds

Attention Underground Utility Contractors
working in the Critical Watersheds!



The Critical Watershed areas of Mecklenburg County drain directly to lakes which are used for drinking water, swimming, and recreation. Special care and attention should be given when drilling in these areas. Damage to sanitary sewer lines will likely cause environmental and health impacts to the lake and prompt swimming advisories to be issued.

Best Management Practices

- ✓ ALWAYS call 811 for location services prior to beginning work
- ✓ NEVER drill without underground utilities being located first
- ✓ ALWAYS hand dig first to locate utilities prior to using mechanical equipment
- ✓ MAINTAIN a minimum drilling depth of at least 8 feet in order to minimize the risk of hitting sanitary sewer lines
- ✓ PREVENT drilling slurry from entering catch basins and discharging into streams and lakes
- ✓ REPORT any damaged sanitary sewer or water lines to Charlotte Water immediately by calling (704) 378-6632
- ✓ REPORT any discharges to storm drains, streams, or lakes by calling 311
- ✓ TRAIN all staff regarding these practices

Potential Fines

- ✓ Potential fines of up to \$10,000 per day. Repeat violators will receive higher fines.
- ✓ Contractor is potentially responsible for all repair costs associated with damaged utility lines, public and private property.
- ✓ Contractor is potentially responsible for all administrative costs associated with monitoring, sampling, and swimming advisories that may result from sewer discharges.

Report Spills and Stormwater Pollution to
311 or (704) 336-7600

For more information, visit StormWater.CharMeck.org



Storm Drains are for Rain Only



Stormwater goes directly to our creeks and lakes without treatment. Pollution that washes away with rain and enters storm drains is called stormwater pollution.

Preventing stormwater pollution is important for:



Drinking Water



Recreation



Fish & Wildlife



Quality of Life

**Pollution *isn't* just bad for
the environment—IT'S ILLEGAL.**

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