



DON'T BE A LITTER BUG

**IT ALL WINDS UP
IN THE OCEAN**

It's not just a slogan. It's a fact of life in Surfside Beach.

Because this is a coastal area, Surfside Beach contains many bodies of water that all lead to drainage in the Atlantic Ocean.

It is critical to The Family Beach that we all, visitors and residents alike, do what we can to keep our water clean

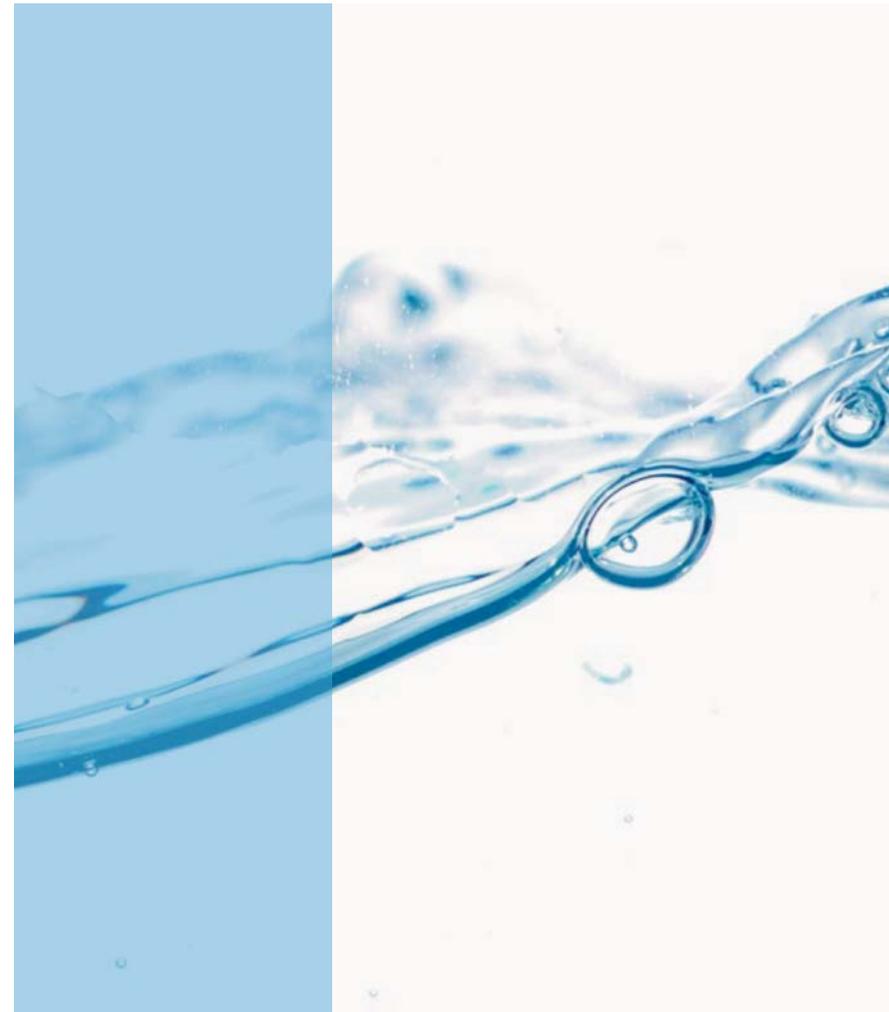


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KEEPING OUR WATER CLEAN

Surfside Beach, The Family Beach



SURFSIDE BEACH CONTAINS MANY BODIES OF WATER THAT ALL LEAD TO DRAINAGE IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

Pet Waste - Taking responsibility for cleaning up after your pet can help prevent pointless pollution of our watershed. Pollutants found in pet waste can transmit diseases and parasites to humans. When rain washes pet waste into storm water drains, pollutants are carried along into natural water bodies and eventually into the ocean where we swim. Town law requires that owners pick up their pet waste. The town provides convenient supplies of bags and waste receptacles for that purpose.

Ditch Upkeep - The Surfside Beach Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining storm water drainage ditches on public property. In some cases the town has easements for the maintenance of ditches on private property. Well constructed and properly maintained ditches, with flat and well-vegetated bottoms and gently sloping sides, give the water a chance to permeate the soil and settle out pollutants. The roots of vegetation offer the best protection from ditch erosion.

Dispose of trash in proper receptacles



Cigarette butts are the most littered item in America; please don't contribute to this



Town law prohibits depositing any refuse, trash or debris in any stream or body of water



TOWN LAKES

Lakes/Storm Water Ponds - In Surfside Beach, ten beautiful "lakes" help control flooding and improve water quality. Some have peaceful wildlife viewing areas. These water bodies are an integral part of the town's storm water drainage system; they detain water during and after storms to help minimize the amount of bacteria and toxins that reach the ocean. They help to improve water quality by allowing pollutants picked up in the surface drainage to filter out of the water before continuing to the ocean.