



Become a certified water protector!

Water is necessary for every living creature on Earth, and clean water is crucial for human health. Tell us how you protect our precious water, and the Dan River Basin Association will certify you as a DRBA Water Protector.

Once certified, you can share your commitment with your friends and neighbors by posting one or more of our exclusive yard signs, window or vehicle decals, or garden flags.

Step 1: Please PRINT your personal information

First name _____ Last name _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Step 2: Select at least three things from each of these four categories below for a minimum total of twelve

Category 1: Minimize water use; water conservation is one of the first steps to protecting our water.

- Turn off water while brushing teeth
- Limit showers to 5 – 10 minutes
- Use dishwasher and washing machine for only full loads
- Install low-flow faucets and shower heads
- Install low-flow toilets
- If you water lawn or garden, water only in morning or late afternoon
- Sweep patios and sidewalks rather than hosing them

Category 2: Care for wastewater; reducing pollutants means a cleaner water supply.

- Never put grease down the sink
- Never flush medicines
- Fix leaky faucets or toilets
- Do not install a garbage disposal
- Wash cars on pervious surface or at a car wash that recycles
- Keep drains/ditches clear of oil, litter, leaves, etc.
- Plant a vegetated buffer between your yard and the street
- Use septic-safe toilet paper and wet ones
- Pump out septic system every five years
- Keep septic drain system clear of roots and free of structures or vehicles
- Participate in storm drain labeling “Drains to River”

Category 3: Embrace sustainable household practices; everyday ways to protect our water supply.

- Use reusable bags when shopping
- Recycle plastics and paper
- Compost garden and kitchen waste
- Use compost on your lawn and garden
- Mow high and leave clippings in place
- Don't fertilize lawn, or test soil and fertilize at correct time of year
- Aerate your lawn
- Always scoop dog poop when in a community area or near a stream

Category 4: Adopt water-friendly practices; direct activities can conserve and protect our water.

- Install rain barrel(s)
- Plant native plants
- Plant trees/streamside vegetation
- Install rain garden
- Install permeable paving surfaces
- Volunteer for a stream cleanup
- Take someone on a hike near a river or lake

Step 3: Purchase and Donate The \$25 application fee covers processing and your choice of one window decal, yard sign, or garden flag. Additional displays are available for purchase. Please indicate your choice of the included item, as well as any additional purchases below.

_____ DRBA Water Protector yard sign(s) at \$25 each, for a total of → \$ _____

_____ DRBA Water Protector window/car decal(s) at \$25 each, for a total of → \$ _____

_____ DRBA Water Protector garden flag(s) at \$25 each, for a total of → \$ _____

I would like to make an *additional donation* to support DRBA's continued protection of my water resources → \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please mail this form along with your check to the address below; our staff will contact you when your purchase(s) are ready at one of our offices.

BONUS!!

Become DRBA's WATER PROTECTOR OF THE MONTH!

Tell us in 500 words or less why being a Certified Water Protector is important to you. Send your story and two or three photos of your Water Protector activities to the address below or to DRBA.NC@danriver.org

If you're selected, you will be featured in DRBA's newsletter and social media.



Working to protect and promote the Dan River Basin through recreation, education and stewardship.

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