

Moore Creek is Listed as Impaired Waters for TDS

In 2008, ODEQ published a report that listed Moore Creek as above the maximum limits of Total Dissolved Solids, or TDS. TDS is a measure of the amount of material dissolved in water, and can include chloride, sulfate, phosphate, nitrate, and calcium.

A high level of TDS in creeks can lead to unpleasant odors, brackish water, or fish kills due to algae build-ups and/or the lack of oxygen. Some sources of TDS come from naturally occurring processes. However, in the majority of the cases, high levels of TDS are purely the product of human contamination.

Human-based Contributors

Animal Waste

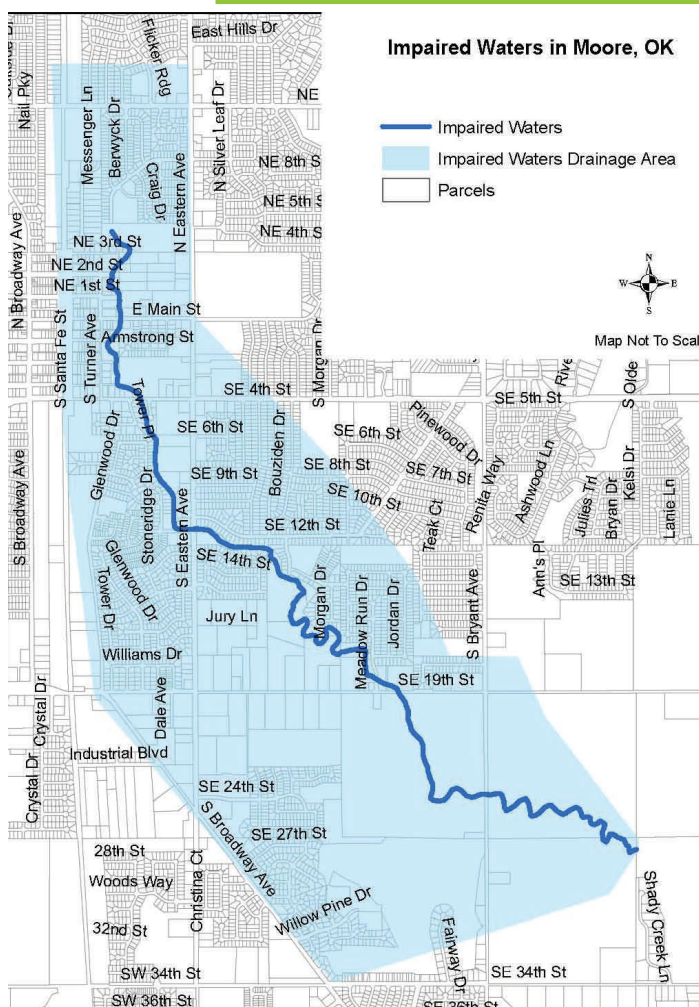
Fertilizer

Automotive fluids and oils

Car wash soap

Window washing fluid

Swimming Pool Water



Let's Clean-Up Moore Creek!

Here are some easy tips:

- Never drain your swimming pool to the street or drainage way. Use your sanitary sewer clean-out.
- Always pick up your pet's waste and throw it in the trash.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash whenever possible.
- Follow the manufacturer's directions when applying fertilizer. Don't over-fertilize!

Even if a household product claims to be "environmentally friendly" or "biodegradable", it is still not safe to let it drain to the creek!

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Report Pollution

If you see an illicit discharge take place in Moore, please let us know. Call 793-5052 to report a "stormwater violation", or log on to www.cityofmoore.com/stormwatersavvy.