



Creek Observations Survey

Keep Austin Beautiful and the City of Austin – Watershed Protection need your help to monitor and track the changing water quality of our creeks! Please fill out this **creek observation survey** to help protect our waterways and make Austin the cleanest, most beautiful city in the nation.

Name of Creek: _____

★ Please make overall observations of the creek by looking as far as you can both upstream and downstream.

Test	Excellent (20-16)	Good (15-11)	Fair (10-6)	Poor (5-1)	Score
Clarity	Water is clear to slightly cloudy, visibility is good	Water is slightly cloudy, visibility somewhat impaired	Water is cloudy to very cloudy, impaired visibility	Water is very cloudy/murky, can't see below surface	
Litter (present in the creek and on the banks)	Very little litter; no glass	Some litter; mostly small items (paper, wrappers, bags); no glass	Litter present; larger items (bottles, cans); a little glass	Lots of litter; dumping; glass and/or sharp metal apparent	
Flow Volume	Steady; running flow; water reaches both banks	Moderately running; diminished flow; some areas of the creek are dry	Slight/ trickling flow; most of the creek bed is dry	Dry creek bed; isolated stagnant pools of water	
Odor (fishy, sulphur, petroleum, dead animals smells)	No odor to very faint offensive odor	Slight offensive odor	Noticeable offensive odor	Strong offensive odor	
Percent Algae Cover	Surface less than 10% covered by algae	Surface 10-20% covered by algae	Surface 20-30% covered by algae	Surface more than 30% covered with algae	
Surface Appearance (visibility of leaves, plants, woody debris, oil or foam, etc.)	Surface less than 10% covered	Surface 10-20% covered	Surface 20-30% covered	Surface more than 30% covered	

Please circle the final water quality rating:

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total Score:
120-91	90-61	60-31	30-1	

Were Fish: Present **or** Absent

Comments: _____

This program is a partnership between KAB and the City of Austin Watershed Protection Development Review Department.

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After your event please return this report to KAB:

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