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The dangers of 'forever chemicals'

PFAs are a category of manmade carcinogenic chemicals that do not break down in the environment and they accumulate in wildlife, plants and humans.

PFAs are used in many household items like nonstick cookware, microwave popcorn bags, pizza boxes, windshield fluid and carpets. They are also in the water — groundwater and drinking water. And over time, they accumulate in fish and livestock, meaning they are in the food chain. All of these sources cause them to accumulate in the human body.

[Learn more about PFAs](#)

Protect Georgia's farmers

Ask your legislators to vote **NO** on HB 545, a bill that would restrict landowners' rights to protect their property

values and quality of life if a new industrial agricultural operation moves in and causes a nuisance. It also paves the way for industrial-size hog farms, which could affect the Ogeechee River water quality.

Contact lawmakers



Screven County Landfill

The final vote for the proposed regional landfill in Screven County will be held Tuesday, June 23. You can contact the county commissioners and urge them to vote **NO** on the landfill that would be built near the Ogeechee River. Read [ORK's letter to the editor](#) in the Sylvania Telephone.

Contact county commissioners

History of Spanish moss

The etymology for “Spanish moss” is not known although it is often supposed it is related to a term used by French settlers in the southeastern U.S. in the 1700s. They called it *barbe Espagnol*, or Spanish beard, referring to the long beards popular among Spanish explorers of the era.

Read the blog





Plan your own paddle trip

We haven't been able to host our popular paddle trips lately, but we have lots of information on how to safely [plan your own](#) and get out on the water.

[Paddle trip 101](#)



Blackwater rivers

What are blackwater rivers and where do tannins come from? The term tannin is from the Latin *tannum* and refers to the use of oak and other bark used in tanning hides into leather.

[Read about blackwater rivers](#)

There are many ways you can help the Ogeechee Riverkeeper protect, preserve and improve the waterways within the basin.

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