

Salish Sea Watersheds Challenge

Be a Salish Sea Steward!

- RECORD YOUR ACTIONS & YOUR FAMILY'S ACTIONS AT HOME
- Discuss actions you AND your family will DO to keep our waters clean?
- Mark this sheet, fill in the bubbles, and tally each time you DO your action.

Are you meeting the Challenge?

Scoop the Poop! Pet and livestock waste pollutes water if allowed to RUN OFF, spreading disease and causes algal blooms.

- Scoop it! Bag it! Trash it! I WILL carry a bag and clean up after my dog on the street and in the yard.
- I WILL encourage my cat to use a litter box, scoop the poop, bag it, and empty into the trash (not the compost bin).
- I WILL keep livestock away from creeks and ditches and scoop the poop.
- I WILL discourage wildlife by securing garbage cans, keeping pet food inside and not feeding ducks and geese

Septic Sense! WE WILL maintain our septic system. Failing systems can cause, property damage and water contamination.

- Keep septic system in top working order. Have it inspected regularly and get my tank pumped when needed.
- Spread out laundry and dishwasher loads to prevent overloading my septic system.

On the Water!

- WE WILL make sure the valve on the boat's holding tank is kept in the closed position.
- WE WILL never dump the holding tank into the water. WE WILL always use the pumpouts provided at the marina.

Pounding the Pavement!

- I WILL NOT dump toxic materials down storm drains or on the ground.
- WE WILL leave buffers of native vegetation at the base of hills and along the water's edge.
- WE WILL position gutters so that they drain rainwater onto grass or garden beds, away from **impervious** surfaces.
- WE WILL use **pervious** spaced paving stones, bricks, sand or gravel in our driveway and walkways.
- We WILL minimize **impervious** surfaces when remodeling or building.

I WILL Conserve Energy & Reduce my Carbon Footprint!

- I WILL ride a bike or walk instead of driving.
- I WILL turn off lights, appliances, and computers.
- WE WILL put high energy-using items like water heaters on timers.
- We WILL buy local products and foods, **support our local farmers.**
- WE WILL plant trees, vegetation, and cover crops.

WE WILL Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

- We WILL minimize the use and purchase of plastics.

In the city or on
the farm - Let's
do this together!



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