



OUR URBAN WATERSHED



Volunteers for Puget Sound
206-322-9296 • earthcorps.org



Seattle Public Utilities
www.seattle.gov/protectourwaters



Puget Sound Starts Here
425-295-0500 • www.sammamish.us



Building a green future
soundtransit.org



Environmental Services Division
253-288-4318 • auburnwa.gov/environment



Only Rain Down the Drain
425-587-3800 • www.kirklandwa.gov



Learn about our work
WashingtonNature.org



Fighting back against noxious weeds
206-477-9333 • kingcounty.gov/weeds



Committed to a Healthy Watershed
206-433-0179 • tukwilaWA.gov



Puget Sound - Habitat Matters
360-902-2534 www.wdfw.wa.gov

Pease Don't Litter



Help Keep Our Watershed Clean



8 MILES

Only Rain Down the Drain!

When water from irrigation and rain washes over yards and streets, it collects fertilizers, pesticides, soap, oil, pet waste and other pollutants. The runoff flows into storm drains without treatment and ends up polluting the nearest stream, lake or wetland.
Prevent pollution at its source:

- Take your vehicle to a commercial car wash
- Have vehicle oil leaks fixed and recycle used motor oil
- Scoop pet waste, bag it, and put it in the garbage
- Avoid using pesticides and chemical fertilizers in your yard

What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land on which rain and snow falls and ultimately collects and drains into a single larger body of water, such as a river, lake, or ocean. The watershed consists of all surface water including lakes, streams, reservoirs, wetlands. Watersheds supply us with water for drinking, agriculture, industry and power generation, offer opportunities for recreation, and habitat for fish and wildlife. An urban watershed requires diverse interest groups to collaborate and work together toward a sustainable watershed future.

Explore The Watershed

- ★ **Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery**
Fish Ladder, Tours, Underwater Salmon Viewing
425-392-1118 • www.issaquahfish.org
- ★ **Auburn Environmental Park**
Bird Viewing Tower & Wetland Boardwalk
253-288-4318 • auburnwa.gov/AEP
- ★ **Agua Verde Cafe & Paddle Club**
Kayaks, Food & Ambiance on Portage Bay
Rentals • Tours • Events • Cafe Aguaverde.com
- ★ **City of Mercer Island Recreation Program**
Summer Kids Camps • Sailing • Swimming • Events
206-275-7609 • mercergov.org/parks

Partners in Sustainability

- Mercer Island Sustainability Program**
Helping protect and preserve the environment
mercergov.org/sustainability
- Redhook Brewery and Tours/Woodinville**
Sustainable Beer Needs Great Water
Sammamish River • 425-483-3232 • redhook.com

Invasive Species

Invasive species are harming our natural resources. These introduced plants, animals, insects and other organisms lack environmental controls in their new environment, allowing them to spread at alarming rates. Public agencies and organizations work hard to detect and control these organisms. It's a huge challenge and they need help.

- Learn about invasive species and report outbreaks
- Clean boots, boats and bikes to avoid carrying a hitchhiker
- Don't dump aquariums, live bait, science kits or yard waste
- Don't move firewood; buy it where you'll burn it
- Plant only non-invasive or native plants in your garden
- Volunteer to help remove noxious weeds

Salmon Passage and Habitat

Salmon need a steady flow of clean, cool, oxygen-rich water to survive. They require loose, clean gravel and a mix of fast running water and still pools to rest in. Riparian bushes and trees help keep the water cool and stabilize stream banks - minimizing erosion and muddy water - which are harmful to salmon. Young salmon are very sensitive to pollutants in the water. Household products such as bleach, oil, soap and paint dumped down storm drains or into streams can kill salmon.

- Plant native trees along streambanks
- Work to eliminate harmful invasive species
- Do not play in or disturb salmon streams
- Join a volunteer restoration effort

SNOQUALMIE - SKYKOMISH WATERSHED
Drains into Possession Sound, Everett

Five Easy Ways To Help

Use yard care products sparingly.
Use the minimum amount required. Excess fertilizers and pesticides drain into the waterways and cause harm.

Dig in and Volunteer
Find a volunteer event in your neighborhood and help restore a critical forest, park, or stream

Maintain your car.
Leaking oil, gasoline, coolants & antifreeze end up in storm drains going untreated to nearby lakes or streams.

Scoop your dog's poop
Bacteria from dog poop contaminates waterways and make water unsafe for swimming or drinking.

Teach the next generation
Educate your children on the wonders of a watershed and provide opportunities to get involved.



Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed
Drains through Ballard Locks

Duwamish - Green Watershed
Drains into Elliott Bay

PUYALLUP - WHITE RIVER WATERSHED
Drains into Commencement Bay

Flood Plains
More than 10,000 rivers and streams flow into Puget Sound, and each has its own floodplain, an area of low lying ground along the rivers, formed of rich river sediment and subject to flooding after rains and heavy snowmelt. Puget Sound's floodplains are filled with homes, farms, highways, cities and important buildings like schools, hospitals and factories as well as important habitat for salmon and other wildlife. Working together, we can develop projects that improve flood protection for people, restore salmon habitat, improve water quality and enhance recreation.

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LAKE WASHINGTON/SAMMAMISH/CEDAR DRAINS HERE

DUWAMISH - GREEN RIVER DRAINS HERE

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Nearshore Habitat

Puget Sound provides its people with 2,500 miles of sand and pebble beaches, thriving estuaries and stunning views. This place is where land meets the sea, providing a rich web of life from shellfish to salmon to orca whales. Taking care of Puget Sound is a community effort - whether you are a recreational beachgoer or a waterfront property owner. Keeping this shoreline area natural will help our beaches and estuaries stay healthy and productive for fish, wildlife and people for years to come.

- Help keep our beaches clean and pollution free
- State and local agencies have created new shore-friendly tools for waterfront landowners. Contact them to find out more!