

HELP SAVE *the* SOUND

Information and Resources:

The Ocean Project - Seas the Day!
seastheday.theoceanproject.org

Green Seattle Guide

seattle.gov/environment/cag/index.html

Seattle Climate Action Page

seattle.gov/climate/getInvolved.htm

Puget Sound Partnership

pugetsoundpartnership.org

*Uncertain Future: Climate Change
and Its Effects on Puget Sound*

www.psat.wa.gov/climatechange

People for Puget Sound

pugetsound.org

Puget Soundkeeper Alliance

pugetsoundkeeper.org

Envirostars

envirostars.com

Beach reporting numbers:

Toxic Chemical and Oil Spills

Seattle 206.684.7587

Dept. of Ecology

1.800.OILS-911

Red Tide Hotline

WA State Dept of Health

1.800.562.5632

Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline

206-526-6733



The Seattle Aquarium
is located on the Seattle waterfront at Pier 59,
1483 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98101.

Learn all about Puget Sound
at the Seattle Aquarium.

For information or to become a member,
visit www.seattleaquarium.org,
or call us at 206.386.4300.

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Top 10 ways
you can help



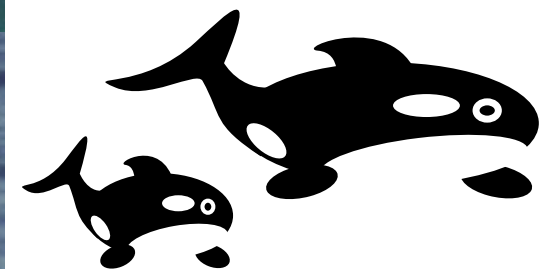
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We Can All Help Preserve Puget Sound

The Seattle Aquarium's mission statement – inspiring conservation of our marine environment – begins right here at home, with our rare, rich and beautiful Puget Sound. Although lovely to look at and home to a diverse array of creatures, the Sound is in trouble. Our goal is for you to come away with new knowledge about the life dwelling within the Sound, as well as what you can do to help preserve it.

Because, after all, Puget Sound is just the beginning – it is connected to the ocean, which is connected to the land, which is connected to the atmosphere. And together, they compose our fabulous, fragile earth, which must be taken care of at all costs.

The best place to start? Here in our own backyard. Humans impact the Sound in countless ways. Let's work together to protect it, preserve the species that live within it and, in turn, take care of our planet's last unexplored frontier – the ocean.



TOP 10 WAYS to HELP *save* THE SOUND

Climate change has reduced snowpacks in the Cascade Mountains by about 30% in the last 50 years, resulting in reduced river flow for migrating salmon in the late summer and fall. **Save water!** Keep showers to five minutes, turn off the water when washing hands and brushing teeth, water your garden in the early morning or evening, and use food coloring in the toilet tank to check for leaks into the bowl.



Juvenile salmon habitat is threatened by rising sea levels slowly flooding their vital coastal wetlands. Do your part to protect these valuable nurseries by **recycling and composting** to reduce global-warming methane production released from dumps during decomposition.



Reduce your carbon footprint (and energy bill) at home with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL). If every U.S. household replaced one bulb with a CFL, it would cut the climate pollution of a million cars.



Puget Sound orca whales are among the most contaminated marine mammals on the planet. **Look for non-toxic alternatives for your home and yard** so fewer toxins enter the orcas habitat.

Increased nutrients from street and septic runoff are thought to increase deadly domoic acid biotoxin ("red tide") episodes. Maintain your septic system and **keep land animals out of waterways.**



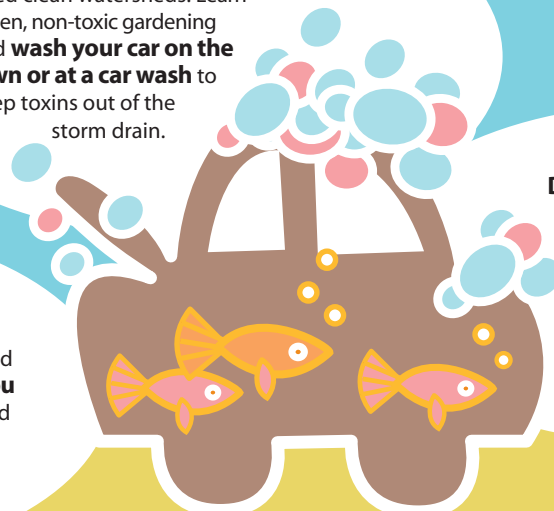
Fall in love and help Puget Sound! **Learn to love our marine environment** under the guidance of our Beach Naturalists this summer during low tides. Look for other cool experiences for you and your friends or family at: www.seattleaquarium.org

Healthy salmon and orca populations need clean watersheds. Learn green, non-toxic gardening and **wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash** to keep toxins out of the storm drain.

Your consumer choices make a difference. **Buy only sustainable "Best Choices" or "Good Alternatives"** from the Seafood Watch list to support fisheries and fish farms that are healthier for ocean life and the environment. www.seattleaquarium.org/conservation/seafood



One deadly problem for threatened California sea otters is a parasite found primarily in cat waste. **Make sure you don't use flushable kitty litter** and dispose of all litter in the trash.



Drive smart – consider greener cars such as hybrids and biodiesels. Keep the car serviced regularly to reduce excessive pollutants. Cut the engine if you must idle more than 15 seconds to reduce climate changes that may disrupt the marine ecosystem.