

52 WAYS TO ♥ H₂O

I PLEDGE TO TAKE 52 ACTIONS TO PROTECT MY WATER

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| <p>05 ■ </p> <p>Visit a local creek or river and enjoy being out in nature. Take a photo and share with us by tagging #ProjectCleanWater.</p> | <p>06 ■</p> <p>Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in your driveway, or wash your car on your lawn to ensure runoff does not enter a storm drain.</p> | <p>07 ■</p> <p>Use biodegradable car wash products and wash your car on permeable surfaces like grass to prevent harmful chemicals from entering storm drains.</p> | <p>08 ■ </p> <p>Visit a tidepool and appreciate the wildlife. Take a photo and share with us by tagging #ProjectCleanWater.</p> | <p>09 ■ </p> <p>September 20 is World Cleanup Day. Take time to pick up trash in your area, or participate in I Love a Clean San Diego's Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21!</p> | <p>10 ■ </p> <p>Celebrate World Rivers Day on September 22 by participating in a river clean up.</p> |
| <p>11 ■</p> <p>Track and reduce water usage outdoors to help eliminate runoff from your property into storm drains.</p> | <p>12 ■</p> <p>Use our Report Pollution tool if you see anything other than water from a rain event in the curb, gutter, alley or street.</p> | <p>13 ■ </p> <p>Take the Project Clean Water knowledge quiz at projectcleanwater.org/cleanwaterquiz</p> | <p>14 ■</p> <p>Get a free audit and upgrade your irrigation system for water and cost savings.</p> | <p>15 ■</p> <p>Reduce your watering time or adjust your sprinklers' water cycles.</p> | <p>16 ■</p> <p>Find out more information about rain barrels and look into using one on your property to capture and collect rain water.</p> |
| <p>17 ■ </p> <p>It's National Recycling Month! This month, show your community and environment some love through the act of recycling.</p> | <p>18 ■</p> <p>Celebrate America Recycles Day by only using reusable items today.</p> | <p>19 ■</p> <p>Plan a zero-waste Thanksgiving!</p> | <p>20 ■</p> <p>Bring reusable bags with you during your holiday shopping.</p> | <p>21 ■</p> <p>Shop local this holiday season to support small businesses and reduce excess packaging.</p> | <p>22 ■</p> <p>Reduce your waste by opting for eco-friendly or repurposed gift wrapping and packaging.</p> |
| <p>23 ■ </p> <p>Opt for reusable or washable cups, utensils or bags whenever you can.</p> | <p>24 ■ </p> <p>Make your New Year's resolution to take one simple action a week to reduce pollution.</p> | <p>25 ■</p> <p>Educate your neighbors and family about the importance of preventing stormwater pollution.</p> | <p>26 ■</p> <p>Make a rain garden. Plant native plants or flowers in low or sloped areas of your yard to catch rainwater runoff.</p> | <p>27 ■</p> <p>Get a group of neighbors together and adopt a storm drain. Take shifts keeping it clear of debris.</p> | <p>28 ■ </p> <p>Choose quality pet toys, or sustainable toys made from compostable fabric, that have minimal packaging to cut down on unnecessary waste.</p> |
| <p>29 ■</p> <p>For yard projects, keep materials in waterproof containers and stored away from potential runoff paths.</p> | <p>30 ■ </p> <p>February 2 is World Wetlands Day. Go visit a local wetland and enjoy the wildlife. Take a photo and tag us at #ProjectCleanWater.</p> | <p>31 ■</p> <p>Pick up after your pets! Unlike actual fertilizer, pet waste has bacteria and can even have viruses and parasites in it—all of which can get into our water if not disposed of properly.</p> | <p>32 ■</p> <p>Take an unwanted item to a licensed drop off zone.</p> | <p>33 ■</p> <p>If you bathe your pet outdoors—use shampoo that is natural, biodegradable or chemical-free and bathe them on a permeable surface like grass.</p> | <p>34 ■</p> <p>Find your nearest recycling center to safely dispose of hazardous materials.</p> |
| <p>35 ■</p> <p>March 10-16 is Fix a Leak Week! Check out our blog for tips on how you can prevent water waste and pollution.</p> | <p>36 ■</p> <p>Arrange for a bulky item pickup for your spring cleaning.</p> | <p>37 ■</p> <p>Prevent stormwater pollution—make sure your outdoor trash cans are not overflowing.</p> | <p>38 ■</p> <p>Use a broom, not a hose, to sweep up debris around your property.</p> | <p>39 ■ </p> <p>Celebrate Earth Month by choosing sustainable alternatives to single-use items.</p> | <p>40 ■</p> <p>Use compost in your garden to conserve moisture, reduce runoff and to support ongoing vegetation.</p> |
| <p>41 ■ </p> <p>Celebrate Earth Day by participating in a beach or river cleanup.</p> | <p>42 ■</p> <p>Adjust sprinklers to avoid watering sidewalks, driveways or other impervious surfaces.</p> | <p>43 ■</p> <p>Capture cooking oil in a sealable container before placing it the trash to help protect the environment from fats, oil and grease pollution.</p> | <p>44 ■ </p> <p>Take a walk around your neighborhood and pick up trash, weeds and dead plants that you come across.</p> | <p>45 ■</p> <p>Get familiar with your local recycling options and guidelines so you can sort your trash, recycling and organics with confidence.</p> | <p>46 ■</p> <p>Reduce your water use by clustering plants with similar water requirements together—also known as hydrozoning.</p> |
| <p>47 ■</p> <p>Join a free educational program to learn how to create a beautiful and sustainable landscape.</p> | <p>48 ■</p> <p>Plant a native, low-water use plants.</p> | <p>49 ■</p> <p>Use mulch in your landscaping to help soil absorb and maintain water and reduce runoff so your garden can thrive.</p> | <p>50 ■ </p> <p>This summer, participate in local cleanup events to remove litter from your favorite parks, playgrounds and outdoor spaces.</p> | <p>51 ■ </p> <p>Wear eco-friendly, mineral-based sunscreens. Mineral-based sunscreens are safer for the environment and coral reefs.</p> | <p>52 ■ </p> <p>Participate in a beach, river, creek or bay clean-up on July 5, known as the dirtiest beach day of the year!</p> |