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Restore Our Waters is the City of Seattle's commitment to take actions and promote partnerships that protect and improve our creeks, lakes, the Duwamish River and Puget Sound.

# Water defines Seattle

Seattle's 40-plus waterways and lakes provide jobs, critical fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities that make the city a superb place to live.

**As our world changes and our city grows, protecting and restoring water quality becomes more crucial than ever.**



**60%**

of Seattle's land is covered by pavement, parking lots and buildings. Rain falls on these impermeable surfaces, picking up pollutants and rushing into pipes and ditches that drain into urban waterways.

Together, we can take action to slow and clean stormwater runoff and improve our creeks, lakes and Puget Sound.



## Leading with Science

Small Actions Add Up to Big Changes



Slow the flow of stormwater,  
and let the rain soak in.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Help the rain soak into your yard by building soil with mulch and compost.
- Direct roof downspouts into your garden or a rain barrel.
- Plant evergreen trees to help slow and clean stormwater runoff.



Keep it clean and prevent  
pollution at its source.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Prevent pollution by using natural, nontoxic yard care products.
- Drive less and keep your vehicle maintained to prevent oil leaks.
- Scoop up after your pet.



Replant and restore native trees,  
plants and in-water habitat.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Help replant our urban forests.
- Join a creek steward group, and help care for your local watershed.
- Volunteer to pick up trash along shorelines.

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To learn more or to get involved, go to [www.seattle.gov/util/RestoreOurWaters](http://www.seattle.gov/util/RestoreOurWaters), or contact Susan Harper at (206) 386-9139 or [susan.harper@seattle.gov](mailto:susan.harper@seattle.gov).