What Can YOU Do to Protect Estuaries?

Estuaries are found where rivers meet the sea. Clean estuaries sustain vibrant economies and healthy coastal communities.

AT HOME



- Reduce, reuse, and recycle packaging
- Have your septic system inspected
- Choose non-toxic products for household use

IN THE COMMUNITY



- Help plant trees to reduce stormwater pollution
- Volunteer at a local clean-up to pick up trash
- Don't dump chemicals or trash down storm drains

IN THE YARD



- Pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly
- Plant a rain garden or install a rain barrel
- Minimize use of fertilizers and pesticides on your yard

ON THE WATER



- Use designated sewage pump-out stations
- Keep your boat out of seagrass beds
- Respect wildlife and keep your distance

Learn more about protecting estuaries: epa.gov/nep

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