



Photo by Ralph Lee Hopkins

Every day poses new challenges
to our ocean, waves and beaches.



8 Billion

Gallons of polluted runoff can be generated from just one inch of rain falling on a major U.S. city.

20,000+

Beach closures and advisories in the U.S. annually.

900 Billion

Gallons of untreated sewage spill into U.S. waters due to poor infrastructure every year.

THE GOOD NEWS

Through Surfrider's clean water programs, hundreds of millions of gallons of polluted water are prevented from entering our ocean and waterways daily. Surfrider educates the public about water quality testing, ocean-friendly landscaping and confronts important clean water issues. Join the Surfrider network, and you will help ensure that our ocean is clean for generations to come.



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Clean Water



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Join us and help keep water clean for all to enjoy.

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Clean Water

Improving coastal water quality has been one of the Surfrider Foundation's top priorities over the last 35 years. Our Clean Water Initiative strives to protect our water resources and prevent pollution from reaching the ocean.

Ocean pollution is a serious problem. What is in our ocean water affects both the health of beachgoers and the sea creatures we love. For example, over 20,000 swim advisories and beach closures are issued every year to protect the health of beachgoers across the U.S. It's unacceptable that a day at the beach could result in stomach flu, skin rashes, pinkeye, respiratory infections or worse.

POLLUTED WATER? NOT ON OUR WATCH!

Everyone should have access to clean water to surf, swim and play in. The Surfrider Foundation is taking a multi-tiered approach to tackle ocean pollution problems. We are testing the waters for bacteria and toxins, raising public awareness and finding real solutions to ocean pollution; solutions that restore healthy watersheds, protect local water supplies and keep pollution from reaching the ocean.



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Programs

A key component to Surfrider's efforts and success is our programs. We test the ocean waters all year long with our Blue Water Task Force to ensure that the public is educated on local water quality. We create beautiful landscapes that collect runoff before it can pollute the ocean with our Ocean Friendly Gardens program.

BLUE WATER TASK FORCE

The Blue Water Task Force is our volunteer-run, water testing, education and advocacy program which provides valuable water quality information to beach communities, identifies problems with beach and coastal water pollution, and works in your local community to raise awareness of pollution problems and implement solutions. Over the past 20 years, the Blue Water Task Force has grown into a network of over 45 labs that are providing you with the information you need to know if a day at the beach will make you sick.

OCEAN FRIENDLY GARDENS

Our volunteers help local communities create Ocean Friendly Gardens, that conserve water and wildlife habitat with native plants, restore soil to sponge up rainwater and filter out pollution and ultimately reduce the amount of polluted runoff reaching the ocean. They also help us educate landscape professionals and advocate for change to government policy. By planting Ocean Friendly Gardens across the country — and more every day — the Surfrider Foundation has prevented over 15 million gallons of urban runoff from polluting our coastal waters and the ocean.