

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Green Tip:

TOP 10 WAYS YOUR ACTIVITIES CAN PROTECT OUR LOCAL CREEKS:



10. CONSERVE WATER – Less water for you means more water available for creeks and the wildlife that live in and around them.

9. CREATE A RAIN GARDEN – Slow it. Spread it. Sink it. Paved surfaces create more water runoff that quickly reaches creeks through the storm drain system. These large flows can erode creek banks and cause other damage. Rain gardens capture runoff to allow it to sink back into the ground. There is a balance between needing more water over time for creeks, but not in such a short period of time, so as to be destructive.

8. ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN – Storm drains are directly connected to our creeks. Anything on the road will make its way to the creek and eventually to the ocean. Paint, concrete, trash, yard waste, wash water, car fluids are only a few of the pollutants from our homes that reach the storm drain system daily.

7. GO ORGANIC – Harsh fertilizers and pesticides pollute our creeks.

6. CLEANUP AFTER YOUR PET – bring recycled plastic bags whenever you walk your dog.

5. TAKE YOUR CAR TO A CAR WASH – or use a sponge to rinse your car and dispose of soapy water in the sink.

4. PLANT NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR LANDSCAPE – Native plants create a habitat which is beneficial insects, use less water, and need less care.

3. VOLUNTEER – Many hands make a big difference. Find an opportunity to join in a creek restoration project. The Creek Stewardship Program, Laguna Keepers, or the Cotati Creek Critters are some great places to start.

2. JOIN US FOR A CREEK CLEANUP OR ORGANIZE YOUR OWN- The Creek Stewardship Program will provide all you need to get started.

1. GET OUT AND ENJOY YOUR CREEKS – Trails are great ways to enjoy Creeks, and there are many. Remember that one of the easiest ways to help, is to be the eyes and ears of the creek. Let us know what you see happening out there!



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