



## Clean Water Community Challenge

(Blaine, a Salish Sea watershed community)



Join Blaine Public Works and Garden of the Salish Sea Curriculum students in Blaine as you challenge yourself, your family, and neighbors to **keep our water clean and safe** for recreation, fishing, and shellfish harvest.

**Instructions:** Fill out the form and check the boxes below for actions you and your family can do. After a month, review your actions and discuss together. With practice, these habits will become second nature!

**Submit your Challenge online (below) and print a copy to bring to the Blaine Water Fest.** To collect a token of appreciation for participating and a chance to win at a raffle. Be sure to stop by the **Blaine Water Fest on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Blaine Harbor Boater's Center (Gate 2) for a fun day of activities, food and a taste of Drayton Harbor oysters!** Just bring a completed version of this forum to be eligible.

First Name:

Last Name:

Street Address:

City:

Phone :

E-mail:



### Clean water community challenge practices:

- Scoop the poop! Clean up after pets on the street *and* in the yard and put it in the trash.
- Encourage your cat to use a litter box instead of the outdoors.
- Keep livestock away from creeks and other water bodies.
- Keep my septic system in top working order by having it inspected regularly (every 3 years for gravity systems or every year for alternative systems to meet county requirements) and get my tank pumped when needed.
- Don't feed wild animals and do secure all pet food, garbage, and compost.
- Pick up and properly dispose of yard clippings, yard waste, and noxious weeds.
- Ride a bike, walk, or carpool instead of driving to reduce pollutants from entering water bodies.
- Use earth-friendly household cleaning supplies and personal care products.
- Reduce fertilizer, pesticide, and herbicide use.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash that properly treats rinse water. Only rain down the storm drain!
- Plant a rain garden to help filter out pollutants and reduce stormwater runoff.
- Never flush pharmaceuticals down the toilet.

For more information, call: 360-332-8820 or visit the web: <http://www.cityofblaine.com/804/Cain-Creek>

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