



PROTECT CONTRA COSTA WATERWAYS

Summer weather is here and many of us are eager to get outside and enjoy the County. Longer hours of sunlight mean more time for fishing, hiking, swimming, and camping. Recreational activities like these can lead to opportunities for pollutants to enter our waterways. This month we share easy actions you can take to help keep our recreation areas and waterways clean.

Out on the Trail?

Contra Costa has a hiking option for everyone to enjoy. While you're out on the trails, be sure to properly dispose of trash, pack out trash and other items as needed, and go the extra mile by picking up any litter you see to prevent pollutants from making their way into our waters. Bringing your pet along? Make sure to pick up after them and put the waste in a trash can or disposal station. Pet waste contains bacteria that can pollute our local waterways.

Road Trip Time!

Taking a road trip with friends and family? If you are traveling with a lot of camping gear or other cargo, learn how to properly secure the load to prevent your items from tumbling into our roadways.

- **Arrange cargo carefully:** Consider the weight and shifting that may happen when in motion.
- **Secure on two sides or more:** Secure your ties to the load itself, providing additional security when traveling.
- **Test before you go:** Check your load after 5-10 minutes of driving to ensure nothing has shifted.

Not only could unsecured cargo cause an accident, but wind and water can pick up debris that falls from vehicles and carry it into our creeks, rivers, and eventually the ocean.

An Afternoon by the Water

Summer is a great time to relax and have fun at the beach, but litter on the beach can ruin your fun in the sun. Remember to properly dispose of any trash you create or bring everything you take to the beach home with you, including your food waste, recyclables, and garbage. Reduce the hassle by packing extra trash bags and switching to reusable containers for your drinks and snacks. This will also help reduce the number of single-use plastic items that can end up blowing into the ocean.

Let's all do our part to keep our County and waterbodies clean this summer! Visit www.cccleanwater.org for more information and tips to help protect our waterways!