

We **PADDLE** in it.  
We **FISH** in it.  
We **PLAY** in it.

*And sometimes...*

We just sit and  
**LOOK** at it.

When you do, please  
remember that the  
Clackamas River  
supplies drinking  
water to hundreds of  
thousands of people.

By preserving the Clackamas  
River as a high quality drinking  
water source we can help  
minimize future drinking water  
treatment costs, while being  
good stewards of the river.

### Other Ways to Get Involved!

- Attend a Clackamas River Water Providers city council, or water board meeting.
- Call your water provider to obtain more information.
- Join our local watershed council, the Clackamas River Basin Council.

*In partnership with::*



Portland General Electric



Clackamas River Water



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#### CRWP Members:

*City of Estacada, City of Gladstone, Oak Lodge Water District, South Fork Water Board (City of Oregon City and City of West Linn), Sunrise Water Authority (City of Damascus and City of Happy Valley), and City of Tigard.*

## DID YOU KNOW?



The Clackamas River  
provides drinking water  
to almost 300,000 people.



**Simple ways you can help us protect  
our drinking water source!**

# The Clackamas River belongs to us all.



**Sustaining this precious resource is one of our top priorities. Help us be a part of the solution.**

## Stash Your Trash

Each year the *Annual Down the River Clean Up* removes around 2 TONS (3,800 lbs.) of trash from the Clackamas River with the help of 250+ volunteers in rafts, kayaks, drift boats and SCUBA gear. Help keep trash out of our river by participating in this event, or by using the *Stash the Trash* bags located at our Parks, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

## Use Restrooms!

Keep human waste out of the river. Human waste threatens fish and wildlife, and can cause human illnesses such as hepatitis or gastro-enteritis. Use restrooms at the various parks located along the river - if a toilet is not available, bury all human waste and toilet paper at least six inches below the ground, and at least 200 feet away from the edge of a river or any other water source.

## Stay on Trails

It helps keep stream banks from eroding. Trampling plants in riparian areas removes the protection of plants and roots needed to lock soil in place. Exposed bare soil can runoff when it rains. This runoff can cause water pollution that contaminates drinking water and disrupts the ecosystem of our river and wetlands. Maintaining and improving riparian buffer conditions ensures clean water and a healthy river.

## Adopt Clean Boating Practices

Use proper fueling techniques. Use oil absorbent materials in bilge areas when needed. Use phosphate-free, biodegradable, and non-toxic cleaners. Dispose of fish waste properly, and help keep Zebra/Quagga mussels out of the Clackamas River. "Never Launch a Dirty Boat." Take the clean boater Pledge: [www.oregon.gov/osmb/boater-info/pages/clean-boater.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/osmb/boater-info/pages/clean-boater.aspx)



## Clean-up After Your Pets

When our pets leave those little surprise, rain washes that pet waste and bacteria off the land, and it can end up in the Clackamas River. Dispose of pet waste properly by picking it up and disposing of it in a toilet or garbage can, so that it doesn't pollute our River.

**Use The River Wisely.**

