

Connections

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You Can Make a Difference, Part 3: Focus on the Bathroom

This series explores how your actions can help preserve the health of our rivers and streams. Pollutants found in wastewater are often introduced in the home. The bathroom is a central place where we can make a difference by making informed choices.

Actions You Can Take ...

Consider what goes down the drain

The bathroom is where we find a collection of personal care products that are linked not only to our wellbeing but also how we feel about ourselves. Imagine being able to choose products that are good for you and also better for the environment. These are important considerations, because **anything that goes on your skin or in your body also goes down the drain.**

Personal care products include makeup, aftershave, perfume, lotion, hair treatments, etc.

Learn what's in your products

We're finding that products often contain micro-beads and other ingredients that pass through the treatment system and end up in the environment. Scientists and researchers are still learning about the long-term effects of these products. We do know, however, that it's easier to keep them from entering the wastewater than it is to remove them.

Micro-beads/micro-plastics are less than 5mm in diameter, about the length of a red ant, and are neutrally buoyant (don't float or sink). These characteristics make them difficult for most wastewater systems to capture. They remain in the environment and absorb toxins, which are concentrated as they're passed up the food chain.

Synthetic fragrances, parabens and phthalates are shown to disrupt endocrine (hormonal)

Make a list and check for alternatives

You may be surprised how many products include the ingredients listed here.

Here's a tip: Make a list of the products you use and check how they rate for human and environmental health. The Environmental Working Group's Skin Deep website provides an extensive database. You can search by individual product/brand or category (such as sunscreen, toothpaste, etc.).

www.ewg.org/skindeep



Scan here



systems in humans and animals. When released into the environment, they affect the lifecycles of marine life and may affect the food chain.

Keep the momentum

We use many products every day. Consider swapping one product a month, knowing that each change can have beneficial effects downstream. By making incremental changes, you're more likely to sustain them.

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Weekends
and Holidays

Emergency?

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360-750-5876

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Service update: The District continues to provide services 24/7. Some services, including public access to the office, may continue to be impacted while we work to return to normal operations. The District will adjust as needed to comply with state and federal guidelines. Customers experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact customer service at (360) 750-5876 x601.

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Clean financial audit shows fiscal responsibility

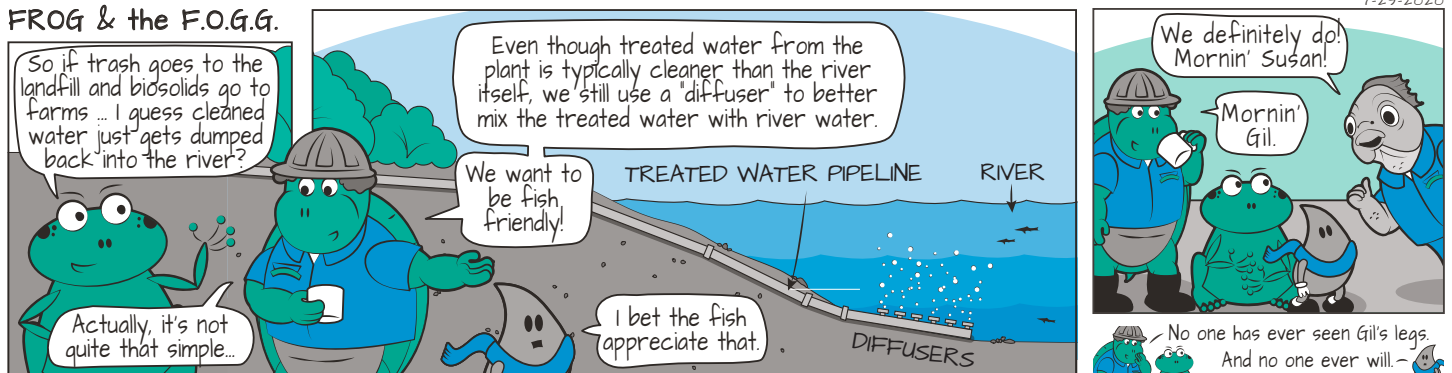
The State of Washington performs audits of local agencies to promote accountability,

integrity and openness in government. The District and the Discovery Clean Water Alliance received clean financial audits for fiscal year 2019. This confirms compliance with all areas of financial reporting and controls in order to effectively safeguard the public's money.

Every year, we go a step further than required to create and make publicly available a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). It has more meaningful financial information than financial statements alone, linking current and planned activities to broad financial impacts.

For more information about our finances and to view the CAFR and audit report, visit www.crwwd.com/about/financials.

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