

OCEANO DUNES STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Oceano Dunes SVRA has created a Storm Water Management Program to improve the quality of the water that flows through the park. Help us keep Oceano Dunes available for future generations by learning about what you can do to protect water quality.

What You Can Do to Protect Water Quality

Here are the things that can damage water quality at Oceano Dunes and some easy things you can do to prevent pollution:

Heavy metals and petroleum hydrocarbons pollute water and harm wildlife. Heavy metals, such as copper, zinc, and chromium can end up in the water through vehicle wear. These metals accumulate over time in the bodies of animals that live in the water. Petroleum products, including fuel, oil, grease, and tires can pollute water through spills and leaks, wearing of tires, and vehicle exhaust.



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What can you do to help reduce heavy metals and petroleum hydrocarbons?

- Keep your vehicles well maintained. Make sure all parts are securely attached and nothing leaks.
- Replace your worn OHV tires and always recycle them.

Sediment is soil that washes off the hillsides and ends up in the creek. Sediment can cover and damage plants and destroy animal habitat.

What can you do to help reduce sediments?

- Stay within designated riding areas.
- When flowing and when safe and permitted to do so, drive through Arroyo Grande Creek as close to the ocean waterline as possible



Trash and biodegradable organic matter (such as food waste) cause algae to bloom, which limits sunlight and oxygen in the water. Plants and animals need the sunlight and oxygen to survive.



What can you do to help reduce trash and organic debris?

- Always dispose of trash in trashcans
- Do not let plastic bags and trash blow away
- Participate in a beach cleanup project.

Pathogens from human and animal waste cause diseases in people and animals that touch or drink the water.

What can you do to help reduce pathogens in water?

- Dispose of pet waste in the trash.
- Repair septic tank leaks in your RV.
- Always empty your RV tank at appropriate dump stations.
- Always use park restrooms or portable toilets.



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