



What Can YOU Do to Protect Estuaries?

 Estuaries are found where rivers meet the sea. Clean estuaries sustain vibrant economies and healthy coastal communities. 

AT HOME



Reduce, reuse, and recycle packaging



Have your septic system inspected



Choose non-toxic products for household use

IN THE COMMUNITY



Help plant trees to reduce stormwater pollution



Volunteer at a local clean-up to pick up trash



Don't dump chemicals or trash down storm drains

IN THE YARD



Pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly



Plant a rain garden or install a rain barrel



Minimize use of fertilizers and pesticides on your yard

ON THE WATER



Use designated sewage pump-out stations



Keep your boat out of seagrass beds



Respect wildlife and keep your distance



Learn more about protecting estuaries: epa.gov/nep

