

Hat Island Environmental and Residential Growth Committee.

The Environmental and Residential Growth Committee looks forward to bringing you workshops and other materials from the Skagit & Snohomish Puget Sound Partnership & Shore Stewards Staff later this year. Shore Stewards is a WSU Extension Program. In the meantime, here are some helpful tips about being a shore steward, which as Hat Island property owners, we all have an interest in a healthier Puget Sound and Possession Sound. For more information on the Puget Sound Partnership go to: <http://www.psp.wa.gov/>

As a Shore Steward, you may be wondering what you can do to restore the ecosystem, protect your property and Puget Sound, and reduce toxins from reaching the water. The simple answer is "Follow the 10 Guidelines!"

Following the Ten Guidelines and implementing stewardship projects at your own pace may seem like small measures, but these changes accumulate over time to make a substantial difference in improving the health and biodiversity of Puget Sound.

10 Stewardship Guidelines to Shoreline Living

Guideline 1 - Use Water Wisely

Guideline 2 - Maintain Septic Systems

Guideline 3 - Safely Control Pests & Limit Fertilizer

Guideline 4 - Manage Water Runoff

Guideline 5 - Encourage Native Plants & Trees

Guideline 6 -Use the Permit Procedures for Shoreline Development

Guideline 7 - Understand Bluff Dynamics

Guideline 8 - Soft Armor the Shoreline

Guideline 9 - Respect Intertidal Life

Guideline 10 - Preserve Eelgrass Beds & Forage Fish Spawning Habitat

Remember, the stewardship guidelines are explained in depth in the Shore Stewards Guide to Shoreline Living booklet.

Archived editions of Shore Stewards News also provide helpful stewardship hints. Not all Shore Stewards work at the

same pace or address the same property management problems. Success Stories from Shore Stewards in Skagit and

Snohomish Counties illustrate the fact that stewardship actions can be varied in size and scope; leading by example

works! Just google Shore Stewards News.

Let me know if you have any questions!

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