



Protecting Our Waters and Soil: A Community Effort!

Mercury pollution in the Willamette Basin impacts our environment and health. Erosion and soil runoff wash mercury into rivers, where bacteria turn it into toxic methylmercury—posing risks to fish, wildlife, and humans consuming contaminated fish.

What can you do?

- 🌿 Plant native vegetation to prevent soil erosion
- 🌸 Create rain gardens to manage runoff
- 🗣️ Stay informed about local fishing advisories
- 🗑️ Dispose of mercury-containing materials properly (never down the storm drain!)

By working together, we can reduce sediment pollution and protect our waterways and ecosystems. For more information, visit Oregon DEQ's website.