



EMERALD KEEPERS

For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado

CELEBRATE WORLD OCEAN DAY

Our ocean—the global oceans—makes up 70% of our planet's surface and is the world's climate regulator, moving water from the equator to the poles. According to the United Nations, "The ocean generates 50% of the oxygen we need, absorbs 25% of all carbon dioxide emissions and captures 90% of the excess heat generated by these emissions." It also supports 76% of all U.S. trade via marine transportation. The ocean provides food, energy, and water.

THE OCEAN IS IN PERIL

- Rising carbon emissions make ocean water more acidic, weakening its ability to sustain life underwater and on land.
- Pesticides from run-off deplete oxygen from the ocean. In 2021, more than 17 million metric tons of plastic — comprising 85% of marine litter—

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World Ocean Day

entered the world's ocean.

- The volume of plastic pollution entering the ocean each year is expected to more than double by 2040.
- Overfishing negatively impacts marine populations.
- Rising temperatures result in sea level rise that threatens coastal communities.

Most of us chose to live in Coronado because of the ocean. As a beach

community surrounded by water, it is even more urgent that we do our part on World Ocean Day and EVERY day.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Reduce waste. Cut down on what you throw away.
- Refuse single-use/throw-away plastics. Make sustainable choices when shopping. Always bring a reusable bag. Support plastic bans.
- Reduce vehicle emissions. Ride your bike or walk, advocate for the OZ mini-shuttle for clean public transportation in Coronado, choose electric vehicles, and carpool.
- Fish responsibly. Follow catch and release practices.
- Practice safe boating. Anchor in sandy areas far from sea grasses and coral. Adhere to "no wake" zones.
- Choose sustainable seafood.



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