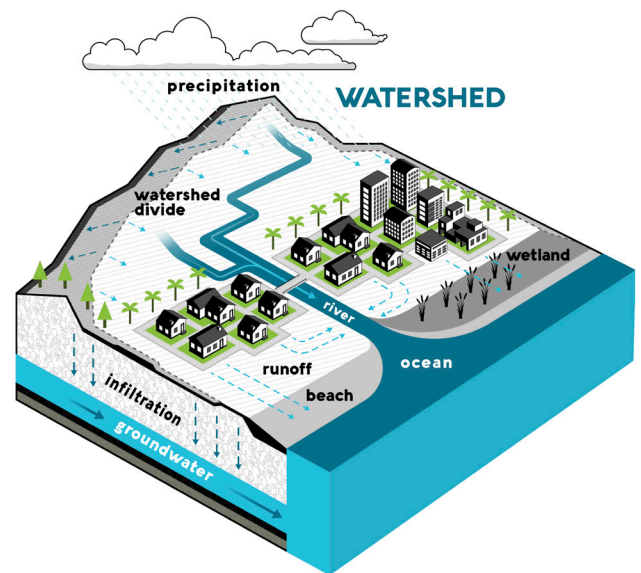


Laguna Woods Watersheds

A watershed is the land area that channels rainfall to creeks, streams, rivers, and eventually to reservoirs, bays, and the ocean. Orange County is divided into 11 watersheds – three of these watersheds are in Laguna Woods!



Aliso Creek Watershed

includes Aliso and Wood Canyons Park. Aliso Creek, which flows through the southeast portion of Laguna Woods, is the largest waterbody within the watershed and drains to Aliso Creek Beach.

Laguna Coastal Streams Watershed

includes Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and Crystal Cove State Park. Laguna Canyon Creek is the largest waterway within this watershed, flowing from Laguna Canyon to the Pacific Ocean at Laguna Main Beach.

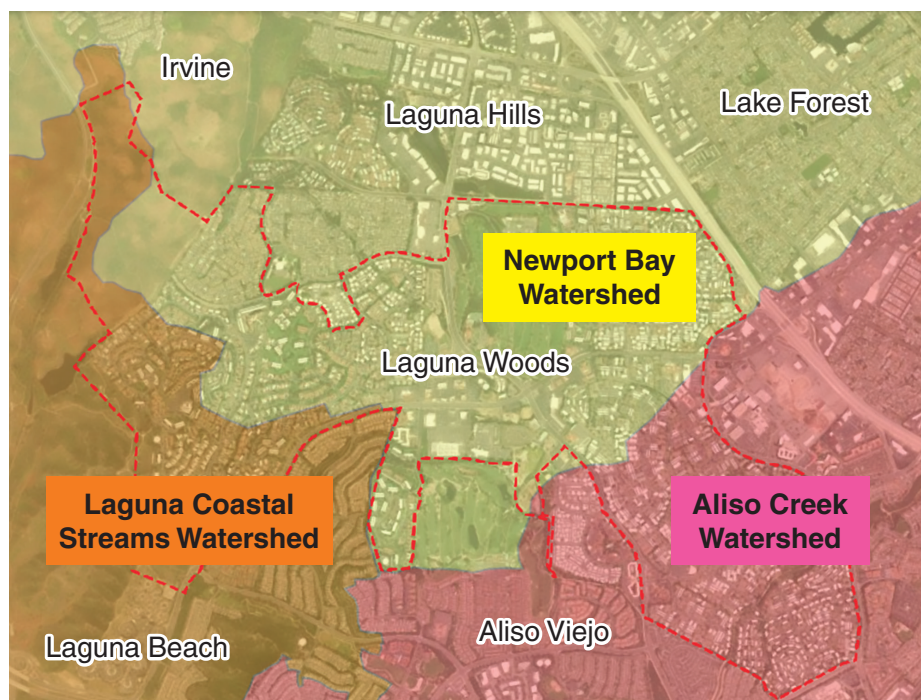
Newport Bay Watershed

includes Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve, the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, and Peters Canyon Regional Park. Newport Bay is the largest waterbody in this watershed and drains to the Pacific Ocean near Corona Del Mar State Beach.

As water flows through a watershed, it picks up pollutants like trash, fertilizer, pesticides, and pet waste, which are then carried through streams and rivers, ultimately reaching the ocean. These pollutants can negatively impact drinking water, wildlife, and aquatic recreation.

Below are simple and effective ways to keep watersheds clean:

- **Prevent bacteria pollution** by disposing of pet waste in a covered waste container and picking up pet waste frequently and before rain events.
- **Prevent nutrient pollution** by washing your car at a commercial car wash to prevent car wash detergents from running off into the storm drain.
- **Prevent trash pollution** by placing all trash in covered waste containers. If your waste container is broken, contact CR&R Incorporated at (949) 625-6735 for a replacement.
- **Prevent pesticide pollution** by applying pesticides in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and only when rain is not forecasted for the next 48 hours.



To learn more about the Laguna Woods' watersheds visit: <https://h2oc.org>