

We all enjoy clean water. We all want clean water. But, sadly, we do not have clean water. Our local waterways are suffering from pollution, excess nutrients, and stifling sediment. So what can you and your family do to help?



Become an oyster gardener!

Did you know that besides being delicious, oysters are very beneficial to our environment? One adult oyster can filter 50 gallons of polluted water a day! Oyster reefs also provide habitat for over 300 species of fish, shellfish, and plants. A revived oyster population is key to restoring our waterways.

Pollution, disease, and overharvesting have nearly decimated oyster populations in the Bay and its rivers. However, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and citizens like you have formed an active coalition to help speed up oyster restoration.

You can start making a significant difference by volunteering to grow oysters from your dock. Oysters are low maintenance and fun for the entire family. Sign up for an upcoming seminar, and you'll receive training plus 1,000 baby "seed" oysters. After one year, you'll return your oysters, and they will be placed on sanctuary reefs in local waterways. (A \$30 donation helps offset the cost of the program and entitles you to a CBF membership.)

Upcoming Seminars

(Join the program and start growing oysters!)

Upcoming Roundups

(For returning oyster gardeners)

Sign Up Now! Call 757/622-1964 (CBF office), e-mail CBFOysterGardening@cbf.org, or visit cbf.org/virginiaoysters.



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