

# RIVERWATCH

**Badly maintained rivers and watercourses can cause flooding.**

They are also a danger to health and wildlife. Here are some simple steps to follow to ensure this does not happen.

For more details please contact Natural Enterprise 01983 296244  
[naturalenterprise.co.uk/pages/projects/18-project-two](http://naturalenterprise.co.uk/pages/projects/18-project-two)

## BEST PRACTICE FOR LIVING NEXT TO A RIVER

### DO

keep growth of waterside vegetation under control and leave some cover for wildlife.

keep watercourses free of debris.

take garden waste or unwanted plants to the tip or compost them away from water.

### DON'T

leave unsecured garden furniture near the river.

allow oils or detergents to spill.

dump general waste or rubbish in or near the water.

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This leaflet has been prepared by Newport Rivers Group and delivered to you because you live alongside a river or watercourse.

Overleaf are some actions you should take to prevent flooding and to help wildlife.

If you would like to volunteer to help conserve your nearest river please call The Footprint Trust 01983 822282 or Natural Enterprise 01983 296244.

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## **WHO TO CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE**

### **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY • 0800 80 70 60**

If you spot someone dumping rubbish in your river or in the event of river flooding.

### **SOUTHERN WATER • 0845 278 0845**

In the event of foul water or foul sewage flooding.

### **SOUTHERN WATER • 0800 820 899**

In the event of water leakage.

### **ISLAND ROADS • 01983 822440**

In the event of highway flooding and for advice on sandbags.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES • 999**

In the event of inundation.

**KEEP THIS CARD SAFE - YOU MAY NEED IT!**