



Oil Spill Action Plan



Oil spills are accidents where the oil comes out of the ocean floor, or from a damaged oil tanker and float in the ocean create a “slick” that covers lots of area. It coats everything it touches (animals, plants, land and water) in a layer of sticky oil and pollutes the water and the environment with dangerous fumes.

So, what can YOU do to help?

SPEAK OUT

- ✓ Write letters, place phone calls and type emails to your Senators, Representatives and even to your President or Prime Minister to let them know what you think about what they’re doing (or not doing!) to help with The Oil Crisis. Tell them how the issue of Oil Spills is important to you personally. Following are some quick links and sites you can do this through:
 - ✓ For US residents: Speak up for Cleaner Energy Choices
https://online.nwf.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1160&autologin=true&s_src=OilSpillWaysToHelp
- ✓ Ask your friends and classmates to write letters too.
- ✓ Ask your parents to help you make your voice heard by getting them to sign a petition.

EDUCATE

- ✓ Keep learning the facts about oil spills and their impacts to find out what you can do to help. Start by watching the Oil Spills video on Habitat Heroes with a marine expert.
- ✓ Keep up with current events.
- ✓ Share what you’ve learned with teachers and classmates with a presentation or speech.
- ✓ Make buttons, badges, stickers, posters, pins or bracelets that educate people in your community about what you’re doing and what they can do to help. Remember, even small pebbles make ripples in a pond, so the smallest actions have an effect!





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- ✓ Make a video you can show at school or upload onto the Internet. Spread awareness by make a MySpace page, FaceBook group or adding to Internet and community message boards!
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SUPPORT

- ✓ Join an organization that protects our wildlife.
- ✓ Participate in community projects.

GET ACTIVE

- ✓ Raise money to help support marine animal welfare organisations that help oil spill affected wildlife.
 - ✓ Organise a school bake sale
 - ✓ Make your own lemonade stand for charity
 - ✓ Organise a Charity Pyjama Day at school for a donation.
- ✓ Check out what some cool kids did to help raise money:
 - ✓ <http://www.nwf.org/Oil-Spill/How-Families-Can-Help/Kids-Helping-Wildlife.aspx>
- ✓ Make sure you, your home and school are energy efficient. One of the key ways we can reduce the risk of oil spills is to reduce our needs for oil. Some things you can do:
 - ✓ Turning off the lights when you leave a room
 - ✓ Turning off your computer or TV when you are not using them.
 - ✓ Riding or walking to school instead of driving.
 - ✓ Recycling our things

These are all things that reduce your impact on the environment and mean you use less energy. Less energy used = less oil needed.

STAY INFORMED. MAKE YOUR IMPACT. INSPIRE OTHERS.

