REDUCING ZINC POLLUTION
Zinc in stormwater runoff threatens the health of Puget Sound and salmon recovery.

Zinc pollution comes from the use of everyday products. The main sources of zinc include moss control products, roofing and buildings, parking lots, and vehicle tire wear.

What we’re doing
The National Estuary Program collaborates with the Washington State Department of Ecology and other organizations to advance the use of safer alternatives to zinc-containing products.

How we’re doing it
- Implementing actions to reduce or eliminate zinc.
- Promoting safer alternatives.
- Collaborating to solve problems.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
Here are a few ways you can minimize zinc in stormwater runoff at your home:

- Buy moss control products that don’t contain zinc.
- Install rain gardens to reduce runoff.
- Use non-metal fencing and building materials.
- Maintain your vehicle to prevent drips and leaks—zinc is a contaminant in motor oil.

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?
Salmon are especially sensitive to toxic stormwater runoff. Zinc and other contaminants threaten the survival of many salmon species—especially when they return to spawn in Puget Sound.

Learn more
Learn more about zinc and other toxic chemicals in Puget Sound:
http://bit.ly/2Er72YC

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