



# Puget Sound

## No Discharge Zone

*A No Discharge Zone (NDZ) is a designated body of water where it is prohibited to discharge vessel sewage (blackwater) — whether it's treated or not.*

**BOATERS ARE  
DOING THEIR PART TO  
KEEP PUGET SOUND  
SEWAGE-FREE!**



**FIND A PUMPOUT:**  
[pumpoutwashington.org](http://pumpoutwashington.org)

# PUMP, DON'T DUMP!

## Puget Sound is now a No Discharge Zone (NDZ)

The NDZ stops pollution from impacting shellfish beds, beaches, health, and overall water quality.

Vessels must hold their sewage in the NDZ – whether it is treated or not. Boaters must use a pumpout facility or go outside of the NDZ and at least 3 nautical miles from shore to discharge.

Vessels must secure overboard discharge valves in the closed position.

Discharging from Type I, Type II, or Type III MSD devices is also prohibited.

The NDZ does not apply to graywater.



**Find out more online:**  
[parks.state.wa.us/657/pumpout](https://parks.state.wa.us/657/pumpout)

It's the law – your sanitation device may be inspected and you could be fined. [Chapter 90.48, WAC 173-228]

Get on board to keep  
Puget Sound free of sewage!



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