

Creek Care

Livermore's creeks are rare, natural, and vibrant ecosystems that serve as vital habitat for several endangered species. Our creeks eventually connect to the Bay, so maintaining healthy creeks is important to keep Livermore and the wider Bay area ecosystem thriving.

How can you help keep Livermore's creeks healthy and thriving?

1) Don't be a Litterbug!

Stormwater runs directly into the storm drains and our local creeks, so any litter or pollutants (even if you aren't near a creek) could end up in the creek system, causing pollution, harming these sensitive ecosystems, and eventually feeding into the Bay.

1) Don't plant invasive species!

Invasive species can shade out native species and overwhelm sensitive creek habitats. Some can even cause flooding by growing in the creek bed and preventing water from flowing downstream! For resources on creek-friendly gardening, check out [StopWaste's Bay-Friendly Gardening Guide](#)

1) Prevent erosion and respect the paths.

Walking off-path or into a creek bed erodes the creek bank, destabilizing the bank and potentially leading to bank failure. Bank erosion is dangerous, contributes to flooding, and is very expensive to fix! Staying on the path is an easy way to respect your creek while enjoying its natural beauty.

1) Volunteer!

The Living Arroyos Program is hands-on way to get involved in local creek stewardship and learn in the process! Visit their website for more information [here](#).

1) Do you have a creek on your property? Private creek owners have an important role to play in keeping creeks safe and healthy. For more information on how to take care of your creek, call Livermore's Floodplain Manager at (925) 960-4500.