



Enjoying the outdoors? Taking more walks along local waterways? Use this time to report what you are seeing! With a few simple steps you can become a citizen scientist and contribute valuable information to Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper. Thank you for being eyes and ears on our waterways!

1. Download the Water Reporter App to your smart phone or tablet. The App is free!
 - Apple app store
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/the-water-reporter/id668005311>
 - Google play store
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.viableindustries.waterreporter&hl=en_US
 - You can also explore Water Reporter on your computer
<https://www.waterreporter.org/>

2. Sign-up for an account. Join our organization during the on-boarding process. Search for “Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper”. You should see our name and logo.



Buffalo Niagara Water...



3. When you’re outside, create posts and use the following hashtags when you see...

#PlasticPollution	You see plastic trash and debris
#Erosion	You see shorelines falling away into the water
#WaterQuality	The water color or surface looks odd or concerning
#wnyCSO	You spot a sewage overflow at an outfall location or sign indicating an outfall pipe
#Wildlife	You spot some fun creatures enjoying the water or nearby areas
#AlgaeBloom	There is an expansive growth of green algae or a possible HAB
#Headwaters	You are exploring the outer edge of the Niagara River watershed where the small creeks and streams start.
#LivingShoreline	A shoreline of a waterway that has a gentle slopes and abundant native and naturalized plant species. See the opposite? use #hardenedshoreline
#InvasiveSpecies	There is a non-native species of plant or animal near a waterway

4. Tag Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper in your post. If you complete your post where you made your observation, the app will walk you through the steps to set the correct location allowing others to find and view that location.