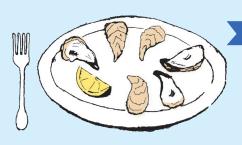


RECOVERY PROGRAM

Waste Oyster shells can provide many benefits to our marine ecosystem; they are the perfect base for young oysters to settle on and a natural habitat for many small fish and crabs. As they dissolve, oyster shells protect animals against the effects of coastal acidification. Oyster shells also serve to stabilize our shoreline against destructive storms. But first we must return the shells to the bay!



RESTAURANT STAFF KINDLY SEPARATE WASTE OYSTER SHELLS FROM TRASH

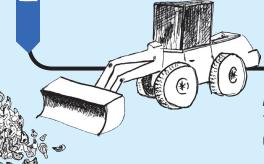
WASTE OYSTER SHELLS ARE PLACED INTO BLUE HALF SHELLS FOR HABITAT RECYCLING BUCKETS



AT THE RECYCLING AREA, OYSTER SHELLS ARE "AGED" IN THE SUN FOR 1 YEAR IN ORDER TO SANITIZE

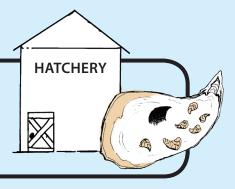


VOLUNTEERS PICK UP BLUE BUCKETS FROM PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS AND BRING THEM TO THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN RECYCLING FACILITY



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AGED SHELLS ARE SENT TO MANY PLACES. INCLUDING THE SHELLFISH HATCHERY WHERE BABY OYSTERS. CALLED "SPAT" SETTLE UPON THE OLD SHELLS



WHEN LARGE ENOUGH. THE YOUNG OYSTERS AND RECYCLED SHELLS ARE









Half Shells for Habitat is a Collaboration between Seatuck Environmental Association, Town of Brookhaven Recycling Center, and participating Long Island restaurants.

