



Law of Water

The Law of Water is directly connected to the Law of Nature. The Laws of Nature, Water, Air, Earth, Fire, and Spirit are experientially learned and passed through the generations in the Oral Storytelling Tradition. All are part of Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being, connected, holistic, observable, and interactive.

The Law of Water are teachings about *water* as an element, as the lifeblood of Mother Earth, and a force to treat with respect.

Water as an element has 4 states of being. Solid, liquid, gas, and spirit (unseen).

- The unseen water is the water in plants, animals, between rocks, and us.

Water is the lifeblood of Mother Earth.

- Rivers, streams and creeks compare to human arteries, veins, and capillaries.
- Wetlands compare to the filtration system in the human body.
- Currents are the heartbeat of mother earth
- All water is connected

Accordingly, in the same way that what we consume and do to our own bodies impacts how healthy we are what we do to the body of Mother Earth impacts how healthy the earth is. What we put in or on the Earth impacts how healthy the water is.

Water is a force to treat with respect!

- Water has a very strong disposition. It has a will of its own.
- Water follows the natural curvature of the Earth's surface.
- Diversion of waterways or bodies of water comes with great risks and consequences.
- Changes to Mother Earth's surface will directly affect water's response.

Class Discussion:

Prompt for 4 corners activity:

Keeping in mind the Indigenous law of water do you think our current weather-related events (for instance, increased rates of flooding) are natural or human-made disasters?