



Spring into Action!

It's easy being green. Let King County show you how...

King County's Annual Earth Day Expo

**Wednesday, April 22
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Westlake Plaza
4th and Pine**

Free and open to all ages

Join us at 11 a.m. for our Green Globe Award Ceremony, when the 2009 winners of King County's most prestigious environmental award will be honored.

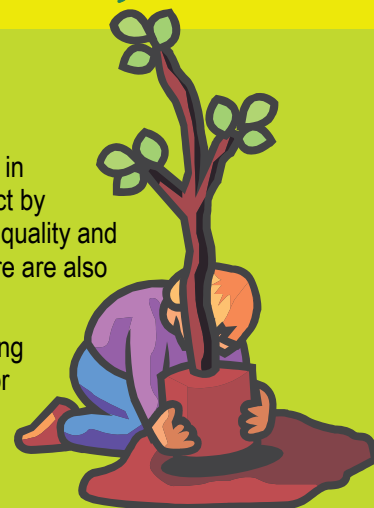


Let King County experts show you just how easy it really is to live a green and healthy lifestyle! Join us for hands-on demonstrations and learn easy ways to: recycle, green up your ride, volunteer, reduce your carbon footprint, and make your home and garden more earth friendly. And don't forget to look for special discounts and incentives to help you make good, green choices.

Volunteer

Bring the family and friends and have fun planting trees and shrubs in restoration projects or help with the last steps of a restoration project by removing weed-blocking fabric. Restoration projects improve water quality and restore stream and wetland buffer habitats for fish and wildlife. There are also opportunities to help build backcountry trails.

Join us on a Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., with some events starting at 10 a.m. If you have a group that wants to work during the week or on a weekend, give us a call to arrange an event. Call Tina Miller at 206-296-2990 or e-mail at tina.miller@kingcounty.gov for all the details.



DATES & LOCATIONS

Plant Native Trees and Shrubs

- **March 14**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Chinook Bend, along the Snoqualmie River near Carnation
- **March 21**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Ricardo/Cedar Rapids along the Cedar River near Renton

Pot Native Trees and Shrubs at the King County Greenhouse and Nursery

- **April 18 and May 30**: A great activity for children ages 5 and up.

Help Maintain Restoration Projects

- **March 7 and 20, 10 a.m.** - Skyway Park wetland restoration
- **April 4** - Removing weed fabric at Auburn Narrows

- **April 18 and June 6** - Celebrate Earth Day at Cavanaugh Pond
- **April 25 and June 27** - Red-Town Meadow Restoration at Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park
- **May 2** - Ricardo/Cedar Rapids along the Cedar River near Renton
- **June 13** - Log Cabin Natural Area along Issaquah Creek
- **First Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon** - Remove invasive weeds and keep the trail clear on the Eastside Audubon BirdLoop Trail at Marymoor Park. Call Laurie Clinton at 206-296-4452 or laurie.clinton@kingcounty.gov to register.

Join the "Weed Team" at Preston Athletic Fields and Park: No tryouts, everyone is welcome! This new community park has two soccer fields and plenty of space to walk or jog. Volunteers help keep the planted areas weed-free and thriving. Weeding parties are set for the last week of every month on weekday evenings and a weekend day. For more details and to sign up, contact Laurie Clinton at 206-296-4452 or laurie.clinton@kingcounty.gov.

Marymoor Recycling Crew, June - September

As part of its commitment to the environment, King County Parks will again promote recycling and composting at the 2009 outdoor concerts at Marymoor Park. Volunteers receive training

King County Parks Your Big Backyard

Get out and enjoy King County's wild side - 180 parks, 175 miles of trails, and 25,000 acres of open space

EXPLORE our regional and backcountry trails for day trips in every corner of the county.

PICNIC in the park or party at the pool - reserve now for fun outdoor summer gatherings.

CAMP at Tolt-MacDonald Park. Fully-furnished yurts, tent and RV sites available year-round.

www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks

www.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/springintoaction

Volunteer

to educate concert-goers and help them sort food scraps, biodegradable cups, and other items into recycle, compost or garbage bins. Recycling Crew volunteers get free entry to shows of their choice, with a preferred minimum commitment of three concerts. Volunteers must be 18 years or older. For more information or to sign up, call 206-205-3661 or e-mail marymoorpark@kingcounty.gov.



White Center Community Development

It's "Spring Clean" time again in White Center. On Saturday, May 16, join friends and neighbors as they clean and brighten their community in an event sponsored by the White Center Community Development Association. Several King County Parks will have volunteer projects. For more details and to sign up, please contact Laurie Clinton at 206-296-4452 or laurie.clinton@kingcounty.gov.

Protect the Puget Sound with every flush and wash

Gallons of dirty water leave your home everyday...where does it go? Tour your local wastewater treatment facility and learn how wastewater is cleaned and becomes valuable clean water, soil amendments and energy. See how King County uses sewer fees to protect our communities and our local environment. Learn easy ways to dispose of trash, conserve water, and protect your sewer system and our environment by buying earth-friendly household products. Tours are free for King County residents, community and school groups. Call 206-263-6028 for more information.



Carkeek Park Pump Station/CSO Facility Earth Day Tours

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

King County's pump stations convey wastewater collected from homes and businesses to regional treatment plants. Combined sewer overflow treatment facilities help treat flows and protect the pump stations during large storms in areas where stormwater and sewer flows are combined. Visit King County's Carkeek Park facility and learn about the people, pumps and pipes that work to protect Puget Sound 24 hours a day. Learn how to protect the sewer system and Puget Sound by making smart choices in household products, conserving water and proper trash disposal. Call 206-263-7301 for more information.

Vashon Treatment Plant Open House

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. – noon
9615 SW 151st St., Vashon
Call 206-296-8361 for more information.

South Treatment Plant Open House

Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
1200 Monster Rd SW, Renton

In addition to touring the treatment plant, you can check out our reclaimed water demonstration greenhouse and garden. King County's Waterworks Gardens wetland stormwater treatment park is also a wonderful place for a stroll and picnic. Call 206-296-8361 for more information.



Get Even Greener

Northwest Natural Yard Days

April 15 - May 15

During Northwest Natural Yard Days, you can receive discounts of 25 percent or more on natural yard care products. Featured products include electric mulching mowers, push mowers, weed pullers, compost, organic fertilizer, soaker hoses, bagged bark mulch and more. For more information call the garden hotline at 206-633-0224 or e-mail help@gardenhotline.org.



Become an EcoConsumer

King County's EcoConsumer program offers resources to help balance consuming with conserving. Look for us in the local media and check out the new Eco-Cool Remodel Tool and other resources on our Web site at www.KCecoconsumer.com.



Recycle Food. It's Easy to Do.

Learn more about recycling food scraps and food-soiled paper in your curbside yard waste bin at www.recyclefood.com.

Choose EnviroStars-certified businesses

More than 600 businesses, such as car repair shops, dentists and landscapers, display the blue Earth EnviroStars decal to show they are certified for environmentally responsible practices. For a complete list of participating businesses, see www.EnviroStars.org or call for a Green Business Directory at 1-877-220-STAR (7827).



Eat local

King County farmers grow more than 200 varieties of produce and other food products. Try including locally grown food in family meals this year. Visit www.pugetsoundfresh.org for recipes and special events, to find U-pick farms, farmers markets and to learn how to get a weekly box of food delivered to you.



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