



Spring ²⁰¹¹ Action

it's easy being green  King County

King County's Annual Earth Day Expo

Tuesday, April 22
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Westlake Plaza,
Fourth & Pine

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 how easy it is to: recycle, green up your ride, volunteer, reduce your carbon footprint, and make your home and garden more earth friendly. We'll be there to answer your questions, offer handy tips and plug you into the many consumer resources King County has to offer. And don't forget to look for special discounts and incentives to help you make good green choices.

Free & open to all ages!



Let King County show you how! 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 fabric. Our restoration projects improve water quality and focus on restoring stream and wetland buffer habitats for fish and wildlife. There are also many opportunities to help build backcountry trails.

Join us on a Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or for trail work from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or if you have a group that wants to work during the week or on a weekend, give us a call to arrange an event. To sign-up, get directions, or to arrange for an event, call Tina Miller at 206-296-2990 or e-mail at tina.miller@kingcounty.gov

Dates & Locations:

PLANT NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS

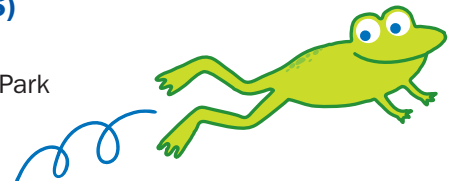
- March 15** at White Center Heights Park, White Center – event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Laurie at 206-296-4452 to register.
- March 1 and March 8** at Chinook Bend, along the Snoqualmie River near Carnation

HELP MAINTAIN RESTORATION PROJECTS

- March 22, April 19, and May 10** – Cavanaugh Pond along the Cedar River near Renton
- March 29, April 26, May 24, June 28** – Red-Town Meadow Restoration on Cougar Mountain, Newcastle
- March 29 and June 14** – Log Cabin Natural Area along Issaquah Creek near Issaquah
- June 7** – Dorre Don Natural Area along the Cedar River near Maple Valley
- April 26 and May 17** – Green River Natural Area, Metzler near Auburn

TRAIL WORK (TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAYS)

- March 11 to 15** – Taylor Mountain Forest
 - March 18 to 22, and April 8 to 19** – Grand Ridge Park
- Contact Washington Trails Association to sign up:
www.wta.org or call 206-625-1367



Events

It's easy being green, let King County show you how at the Green Festival

Visit us at the King County Pavilion for an interactive experience with our environmental experts at the upcoming Green Festival, April 12-13 at the Seattle Convention Center. Go to www.greenfestivals.org for more information.

Protect the Puget Sound with every flush & wash

Gallons of dirty water leaves your home everyday...where does it go? Tour your local wastewater treatment facility and learn how dirty water is cleaned and becomes valuable clean water, energy and other resources. Tours are free, Monday through Saturday, for King County residents, community and school groups. Call 206-263-6028 for more information.

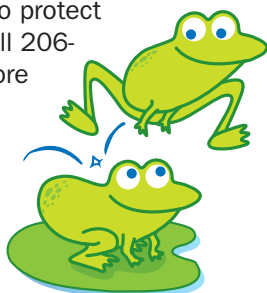
TREATMENT PLANT OPEN HOUSE — BUILDING A RAIN GARDEN AND TOURING NEARBY GARDENS

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
South Treatment Plant, Renton

Learn simple, design and maintenance techniques for great looking gardens year 'round while protecting the health of your household and Puget Sound. Tour King County's Waterworks Gardens and a nearby demonstration rain garden. Treatment plant tours will also be offered. Call 206-296-8361 for more information.

CARKEEK PARK PUMP STATION EARTH DAY TOURS

Saturday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
King County's pump stations clean dirty water and prevent combined sewer overflows. Tour Carkeek Pump Station and learn about the people, pumps and pipes that work in your neighborhood 24 hours a day to protect Puget Sound. Call 206-263-6029 for more information.



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Resources

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 air friendly 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.

Become an EcoConsumer

King County's EcoConsumer program offers resources to help balance consuming with conserving. Look for us in the local media and visit our revamped Web site at www.KCecoconsumer.com.

Recycle food; it's easy

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

Choose EnviroStars-certified businesses

Over 600 businesses, such as car repair shops, dentists, dry cleaners, and landscapers, display the blue earth EnviroStar decal in their window to show that they have been certified for environmentally responsible practices and reducing hazardous wastes. For a complete list of EnviroStars-certified businesses, see www.envirostars.org or call for a Green Business Directory at 1-877-220-STAR (7827).

Eat local



King County farmers grow fresh food year 'round with about 1,500 farms across the county. Visit the Puget Sound Fresh Web site at www.pugetsoundfresh.org for U-pick farms, farmers market locations, how to join a Community Supported Agriculture, plus restaurants and local grocery stores that offer locally grown food and recipes.

King County Parks **Your Big Backyard**

has one of the largest regional parks and trails systems in the country!

Here's a listing of upcoming must-see family friendly events and activities:

- April 5** – 11:30 a.m. Dedication and community celebration of Steve Cox Memorial Park and Mel Olson Stadium: <http://www.metrokc.gov/parks/whitecenter/>
- April 24** – King County welcomes Cirque du Soleil back to Marymoor Park for *Corteo*: <http://www.metrokc.gov/parks/marymoor/cirque.html>
- May 30** – Group Health Friday Night Racing Series begins at the Group Health Velodrome in Marymoor Park: <http://www.metrokc.gov/parks/marymoor/velodrome.html>
- July 18-20** – King County 4-H Agricultural Fair at the Expo Center in Enumclaw: <http://www.metrokc.gov/parks/fair/>



The yurts have arrived!

Tolt MacDonald Park offers six furnished yurts. Daily rates are \$40, or \$240 weekly. Each yurt sleeps seven people, comes with a double/single bunk bed, a night stand and two double futons. Yurts are available by reservation only. Please call 206-205-5434.

