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## Events & Opportunities



### Full Circle Gardening Class Series

**Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**February - November 2024**

**Variable locations**

If you're new to gardening or looking to answer some questions related to growing food, check out the Edible gardens class series hosted by HPC and Pierce County educators. Designed to take beginner gardeners through a year-long season of growing. Participants will gain a foundation of knowledge on gardening in the Pacific Northwest. Starting with garden planning, seed starting, fruit tree education, composting, closing with putting your garden to bed and featuring so much more, this series will help any gardener. Please pay attention to class location when registering; classes will be held in person or online via zoom. You can register for one class, a few, or attend the whole series!

[Learn More](#)[Register](#)

### Pierce Conservation District Election Reminder

**Ballots must be returned or postmarked by February 28th, 2024**

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on February 7th, 2024, and should arrive within 1-2 weeks, depending on your mailing address location. If you intend to vote in-person at the annual celebration, you will need your Pierce County voter's card and a valid form of identification.

**February 7th** - Ballots mailed

**February 21st** - In-person polling will be available at our Annual Celebration

**February 28th** - If mailing your ballot, it must be postmarked by this date

**March 04th** - Mail-in ballots must be received by PCD by this date to count

[Learn More](#)

### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

**February 14th from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

*In Person at PCD Office and Virtual*

Open to the public. Our monthly Board of Supervisors meeting to update work accomplished and future plans.

[Calendar Event](#)[Agenda](#)

### Soil Health & Pasture Fertility Workshop

**Thursday, February 15th, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Zoom Webinar**

Join Pierce Conservation District in this workshop to understand the steps for growing a healthy pasture. Learn how to collect a soil sample for testing and why improving soil health is important. Hear from a Wilbur-Ellis, a local agronomist, about how to use a soil analysis report to guide fertilizer applications to maintain pasture fertility.

[Register](#)

**Last Chance to Register for Annual Celebration!**

**Wednesday, February 21st, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup**

**330 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371**

Mark your calendars and make plans to join Pierce Conservation District's Board and Staff for an evening of reflection, recognition, and refreshments. We will showcase an assortment of projects undertaken since our last in-person Annual Celebration &



Awards Ceremony and recognize the amazing individuals and partner organizations working to steward our natural resources. We can't wait to see you there!

This event is also a chance to [cast a Board of Supervisors election vote](#). Polling will be open between 4 pm and 8 pm.

[Learn More](#)

[RSVP](#)



## Rain Garden Tour and Handbook Updates

**Thursday, February 29th, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**Pierce Conservation District Office & Surrounding Neighborhood**  
**308 W Stewart Ave, Puyallup, WA, 98371**

The newly released 2023 Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington is a guide to successfully planning, installing and maintaining a rain garden to improve water quality in our region. The Handbook includes updates to the rain garden sizing guide, expanded plant lists and improved graphics. If you'd like to order a physical copy of the handbook, please fill out the request form by Monday, February 5th. If you'd like to hear more about the Rain Garden Handbook in person and tour examples of rain gardens with local experts, please register for our event!

[Request A Handbook](#)

[Register for Tour](#)



## Irrigation Efficiency Grant Program Expanded

This biennium, the Washington State Conservation Commisison revised their irrigation efficiency program to address other water resource issues and to implement water conservation measures and irrigation efficiencies. Cost share project funding is available through Pierce Conservation District's farm program.

The program is first-come-first-served. Received applications will be reviewed monthly, as funds remain available. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2025, and require that a post-project Irrigation Water Management (IWM) Plan for your operation be developed by a Pierce Conservation District (PCD) farm planner.

[Read More & Apply](#)



## Additional Sustainable Farms and Fields Funding Available

The WA State Conservation Commission (SCC) has obtained an additional \$3 million of Climate Commitment Act funds to put into the Sustainable Farms and Fields (SFF) program for the FY24 funding cycle. This means that Pierce Conservation District (PCD) is poised to make another application to the SCC on farmers' behalf to obtain funding to assist producers in implementing climate-smart practices. Some examples include cover crop seeding, native plants for implementing hedgerows and free compost/manure for land application.

The application deadline for this additional FY24 funding is March 15, and all projects must be completed by June 30, 2024. The next application round for FY25 will be mid-July for projects to be implemented August 2024 – June 30, 2025. We would love to fund your project!

[Read More & Apply](#)



## Native Plant Walk-up Sale Soon

**March 16, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Pierce Conservation District Office**  
**308 W Stewart Ave, Puyallup WA, 98371**

Pierce Conservation District wants to thank each of you who placed an order with our Native Plant Sale. In the past 90 days, we have received over 725 orders, from homeowners, nonprofits, and organizations each taking part in repairing our native landscape in the Pacific Northwest. We value your commitment to our plant sale and hope to see you again, year after year. If you missed the pre-sale period do not fret, there is a walk-up sale coming on March 16th from 11am-3pm, at the Pierce Conservation District.

[Save The Date](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Deadman's Pond Work Party

**Friday, February 2nd, 9AM - 12PM**  
**Puyallup**

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Deadman's Pond in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plants and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry, English ivy and thistle.



[Sign Up](#)

## Whittier Park Work Party

**Saturday, February 3rd, 9AM - 12PM**

### Fircrest

Spend 3 hours with us at Whittier Park in Fircrest. Activities include caring for existing plants and removing invasive plant species. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

[Sign Up](#)

## Meeker Creek Work Party

**Saturday, February 3rd, 10:30AM - 12:30PM**

### Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

[Sign Up](#)

## Silver Creek Work Party

**Saturday, February 10th, 9AM - 12PM**

### Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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## Bradley Lake Park Work Party

**Saturday, February 24th, 9AM - 12PM**

### Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

[Sign Up](#)

## Deadman's Pond Work Party

**Friday, March 1st, 9AM - 12PM**

### Puyallup

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Deadman's Pond in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plants and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry, English ivy and thistle.

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## News from Pierce CD



## Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Caring

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15th, Pierce Conservation District hosted four different invasive plant removal work parties...

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## Rappelling for Restoration

Earlier this winter, restoration crews from Pierce and Thurston Conservation Districts spent the day with the City of Tacoma's Washington Conservation Corps crews ...

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Volunteers and AmeriCorps Members counting and holding eggs to be delivered to school tanks.

## Salmon in the Schools 2024 Program Begins

In early January, with the help of volunteers and the Foss Waterway Seaport, we delivered 3,600 Chum Salmon eggs to elementary schools across Tacoma! As part of the Salmon in the Schools program, these eggs will grow under the care of 5th grade students and Science and Math Institute (SAMI) student interns as they learn all about salmon until they are released into the wild in late March. As of right now these eggs



have already hatched into Alevin. We look forward to bringing you more updates as the program and our salmon grow side-by-side.

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## Director's Corner

We are hitting the ground running for the year with lots of great opportunities for PCD! If you haven't already, check out our social medias for some really great chances to get involved in some fun events. Speaking of fun, I am really excited for the arrival of the Salmon Eggs for 2024!!! Thank you to our staff members, Chris and Maddie for the crazy fun tank decorations and the “what to expect while expecting” outreach they've been doing on instagram.

Pierce Conservation District invites you to celebrate the work we've done this year, as well as some of the partners we've worked with at our [Annual Celebration](#). We continue to set up roadmaps for our success this year, and we'd love to share them with you.

- Executive Director Dana Coggon

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## In the Conservation Community

[Pierce County Comprehensive Plan](#) - Pierce County is seeking input on their Comprehensive Plan, which addresses land usage.

[Foss Waterway Seaport Science Career Expo](#) - Foss Waterway Seaport is hosting a Science Career Expo to highlight job and volunteer opportunities for high school students, college students and community members.

[North Coast & Cascades Science Days](#) - A three-day virtual symposium featuring new and ongoing science in the North Coast & Cascades Network. Sessions will bring together research across boundaries of park, ecosystem, and discipline.

[SoilCon 2024](#) - Join like-minded soil lovers at this annual conference! Hosted by a partnership of local, state and federal organizations, this conference is offered both virtually and in-person.

[Forest Stewardship Coached Planning](#) - This course will teach you how to assess your trees, avoid insect and disease problems, attract wildlife, and take practical steps to keep your forest on track to provide enjoyment and even income for years to come.

[2024 Western WA Forest Owners Winter School](#) - Designed to let you attend multiple workshops all in the same day, the Winter School will help you address challenges on your property, restore healthy forest conditions, and achieve your goals.



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