



Events & Opportunities



Orca Recovery Day - Family Fun For the Whole Pod!

Saturday, October 18th

Multiple Locations Throughout Pierce County

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

You, your friends and your loved ones are welcome at one of several restoration events throughout the county to help the endangered Southern Resident Orca population! More stewards means more salmon, and more salmon means more orcas. Families welcome at all sights!

Whittier Park, Fircrest, 9am-12pm - Family friendly activities like painting and educational tables, and tree planting.

Trafton Slope, Tacoma, 9am-12pm - Care for existing plants and remove invasive plant species to improve water quality for salmon.

DeCoursey Park & Peck Property, Puyallup, 9am-12pm - Care for existing plants and remove invasive plant species. Right along a salmon-bearing stream.

South Prairie Creek Preserve, Orting, 9am-12pm - Planting trees and shrubs to enhance salmon habitat. Optional bird walk with an expert at 8 am, as well!

Metro Parks Tacoma, All Things Fun Sports, and EarthCorps are also offering volunteer opportunities at Titlow Park and Tahoma Salt Marsh. You can learn more about these partner events on the Better Ground website.

[Register](#)



We Are Hiring!

Pierce Conservation District is currently hiring!

Shorelines Senior Program Manager - implements PCD's Shore Friendly program, including field work, landowner engagement, technical assistance site visits, nearshore restoration project development and management.

[Apply](#)



Farm Foundations Applications Open

Applications Open October 1

Priority Deadline November 15

If you're interested in learning how to grow your own food, work on a small vegetable farm, or expand your skills in food production Harvest Pierce County offers our Farm Foundations Training. This free adult educational program is designed to give access to the knowledge and experience of a full-time farm internship without the commitment. It combines virtual classes with field work, at farms within Pierce County, to give participants a well-rounded perspective on the realities of food production. Applications open October 1st and the priority deadline is November 15th. Please join us for the 2026 season.

[More Information & Application](#)



Green Tacoma Day

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Saturday, October 11

Tacoma

[More Information](#)

Green Tacoma Day, hosted by the Green Tacoma Partnership, is an annual day of service where volunteers come together at various sites to participate in tree plantings, hands-on restoration, exploring local green spaces, and engaging family-friendly learning activities. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or it's your first time, you're invited to take part in activities that help protect and restore the natural areas in your neighborhood. Participants of all ages are welcome to join in individual actions or group efforts to care for Tacoma's environment.



Rural Energy for America (REAP) Webinar

12:00 PM -
Thursday, October 23
Virtual, Zoom

Pierce Conservation District is hosting a free webinar for **solar and energy contractors** on the current state of the USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). USDA REAP grants provide funding for agricultural producers and rural small businesses to implement renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency upgrades-- up to 25% of a total eligible project cost and our team can help support your clients with technical assistance to apply totally free of charge!

Topics will include:

- New USDA requirements
- How your clients can secure federal funding to reduce energy operating costs
- The details of the REAP program, including eligibility and technical requirements
- Current cost share amount and percentages
- How our organizations can help your clients secure federal funding to reduce energy operating costs
- Answers to common questions we receive from clients

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Green Puyallup Day

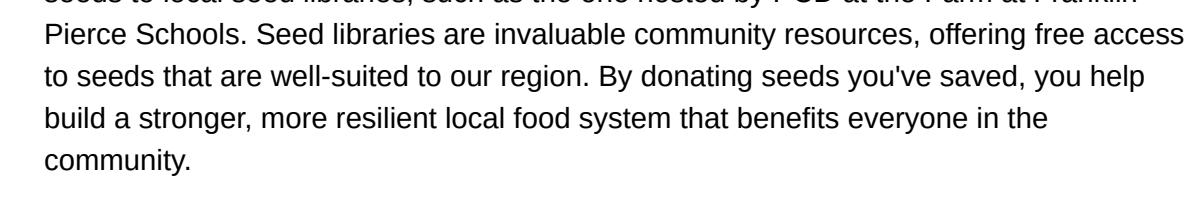
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
November 1
Puyallup

The Green Puyallup Partnership invites you to spend a day restoring green spaces in Puyallup! Through this partnership we work with local communities to recruit, train and support volunteer stewards to lead forest restoration projects in priority parks. Spend Green Puyallup Day at one of our habitat restoration sites in Puyallup. Activities include installing native plants, caring for existing plants, and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and thistle. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

[More Information](#)

Pierce Native Plant Pre-Sale

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN!



PCD Native Plant Preorder Sale is Almost Here

[Pre-orders Open November 1](#)

Let the Native Plant Sale countdown begin! We are only one month away from the launch of the 2026 Native Plant Pre-Sale. Now is the time to research and plan what additions you need in your yard/property. Whether it is to beautify your yard, restore a habitat, conserve water, or bring in our stunning native pollinators, we will have what you need. While we wait for the launch visit the website for more information about the sale and plant pick-up window

[More Information](#)



Use the PCD Seed Library

[Year-Round](#)

One powerful way to ensure that our food systems are resilient and sustainable is through the practice of seed saving. Seed saving is more than just a method of gardening, it's a way to take control of our food sources, creating hyperlocal varieties that are uniquely adapted to the conditions of our region. Consider contributing saved seeds to local seed libraries, such as the one hosted by PCD at the Farm at Franklin Pierce Schools. Seed libraries are invaluable community resources, offering free access to seeds that are well-suited to our region. By donating seeds you've saved, you help build a stronger, more resilient local food system that benefits everyone in the community.

[More Information](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



[Final Gleans of the Year!](#)

[Variable Days](#)

[Various Locations Through the County](#)

Grab your boots and join us at Pierce County farms, because it's gleaning time! Hands-on

experience harvesting on local farms. You can

take home a portion, and the rest is donated to

nonprofit relief organizations.

[Sign Up](#)

[Bradley Lake Work Party](#)

[Saturday, October 4th, 9AM - 12PM](#)

[Puyallup](#)

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working

at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup. Activities



include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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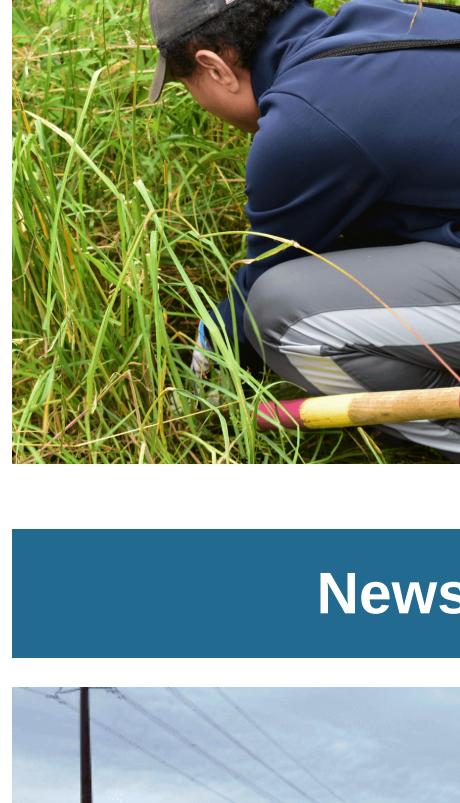
Waughop Lake Work Party

Saturday, October 11th, 9AM - 12PM

Lakewood

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working at Waughop Lake in Lakewood. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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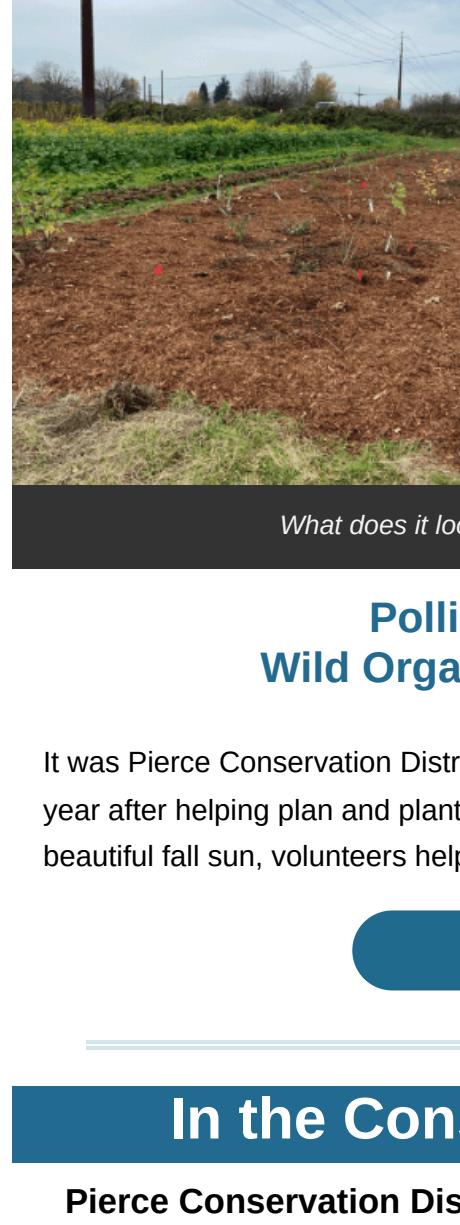
Nelson Nature Park Work Party

Saturday, October 25th, 9AM - 12PM

Edgewood

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working at Nelson Nature Park in Edgewood. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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Fern Hill Work Party

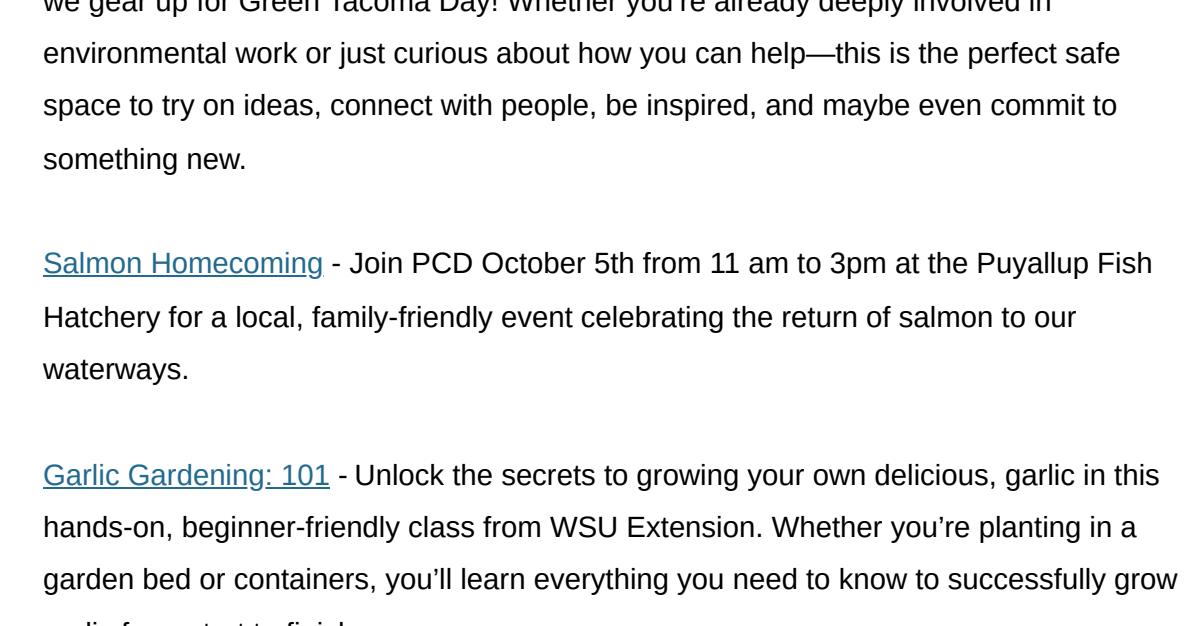
Saturday, October 25th, 9AM - 12PM

Tacoma

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working at Fern Hill Open Space in Tacoma. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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News from Pierce CD



What does it look like to maintain a pollinator hedgerow?

Pollinator Hedgerows at Wild Organic Farm: One Year Later

It was Pierce Conservation District's pleasure to return to Wild Hare Organic Farm a full year after helping plan and plant a 75-foot pollinator hedgerow on their farm. In the beautiful fall sun, volunteers helped cut back grass that had grown around ...

[Read More](#)

In the Conservation Community

Pierce Conservation District hosts a [Green Events Calendar](#) where we display Green Events in the county near you!

[October Green Drinks Tacoma](#) - Join us for this month's Tacoma Green Drinks event as we gear up for Green Tacoma Day! Whether you're already deeply involved in environmental work or just curious about how you can help—this is the perfect safe space to try on ideas, connect with people, be inspired, and maybe even commit to something new.

[Salmon Homecoming](#) - Join PCD October 5th from 11 am to 3pm at the Puyallup Fish Hatchery for a local, family-friendly event celebrating the return of salmon to our waterways.

[Garlic Gardening: 101](#) - Unlock the secrets to growing your own delicious, garlic in this hands-on, beginner-friendly class from WSU Extension. Whether you're planting in a garden bed or containers, you'll learn everything you need to know to successfully grow garlic from start to finish.

[Branch Out!](#) - Free Trees for Hilltop, Eastside, South End and South Tacoma neighborhoods. Order by October 9th!

[Fall Forestry Seminar](#) - 9am at Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on October 3rd for our Fall Forestry Seminar on "Keeping your forest as forest". Topics include current use programs, legacy planning, conservation easements, and growing maples for figure.



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