

PIERCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Events and Workshops



Fall and Winter Gardening

May 7th, 9:30 AM - 11 AM

Virtual Event

Plant now to harvest fresh food this fall and winter! Learn best practices to plant in the summer and how to care for plants over fall and winter

[Learn More](#)



Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

May 11, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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

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Noxious Weed Identification and Control Walk

May 14, 9am - 11:30am

Parkland Prairie

13001-13199 Yakima Ave S, Parkland, WA 98444

Join [Pierce County Parks](#), [Metro Parks](#), [City of Tacoma](#), [Forterra](#), and [Pierce Conservation District](#) for a joint training event at [Parkland Prairie](#). We'll be learning about prairie restoration, planning for pollinators, and most importantly joining the [Pierce County Noxious Weed Board](#) to learn about noxious weed identification and control.

Dress for the weather, bring your work boots and gloves and don't forget a camera as the prairie wildflowers will be in bloom.

[Register](#)



Spring Garden Fest

May 21, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Eastside Family Support Center

Bring your family and friends to a fun, interactive event focused on food, the environment, and community. Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Edible Gardens classes and so much more!

[Register](#)



Forest Stewardship Field Day

May 21, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Coburg Tree Farm, Eatonville

Join Conservation District Forestry experts and the Thompson family to tour the Coburg Tree Farm. As we tour the farm, we will look at general forest health and risk trees, managing wildfire risk around your home, multi-benefit forestry, riparian habitat, and invasive species control. The Coburg Tree Farm is a shining example of Forest Stewardship, so you won't want to miss this tour. It will inspire you to make improvements to your own forest!

If you can't make the tour a recordings of it will be on the Forest Stewardship page on our website.

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Pierce County Firewise Webinar

May 25, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Is your community ready for this summer's wildfire season? Over the past few years, wildfires have begun to show up in our "backyards." With our summers getting drier, hotter, and smokier, we're all looking for ways to protect ourselves from wildfire risks.

Attend this virtual event to discover how your community can become **Firewise**. Learn how Pierce Conservation District, the Department of Natural Resources, and your local fire department can support you with the right resources to protect your home from wildfire risks.

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Whittier Park Habitat Stewardship

May 7, 9am - 12pm

Fircrest

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Whittier Park in Fircrest. Activities include installing mulch around previous plantings to help ensure their survival. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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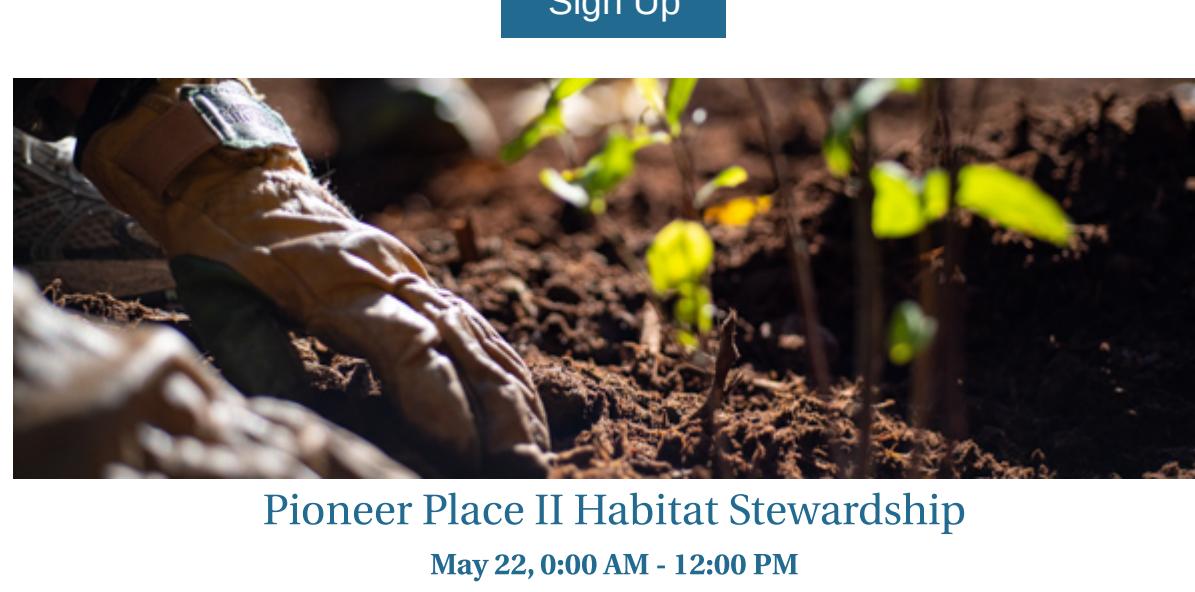
Bradley Lake Park Work Party

May 15, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup

Come join the habitat steward at Bradley Lake Park at the west side of the park. Tasks include cutting and digging up blackberry in an area that has been previously treated with mulch and burlap. This ensures success for the future.

[Sign Up](#)



Silver Creek Habitat Stewardship

May 14, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Silver Creek in Puyallup. Activities include removing invasive blackberries. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

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Pioneer Place II Habitat Stewardship

May 22, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

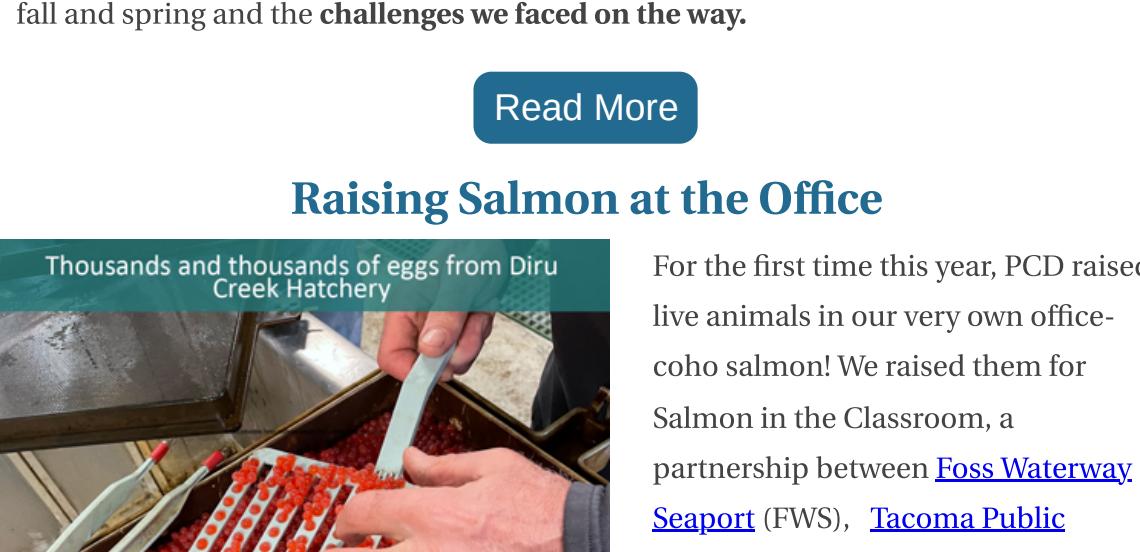
Puyallup

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Pioneer Place II in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plantings and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and reed canary grass. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

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News from Pierce CD

A Successful Native Plant Walk Up Sale!



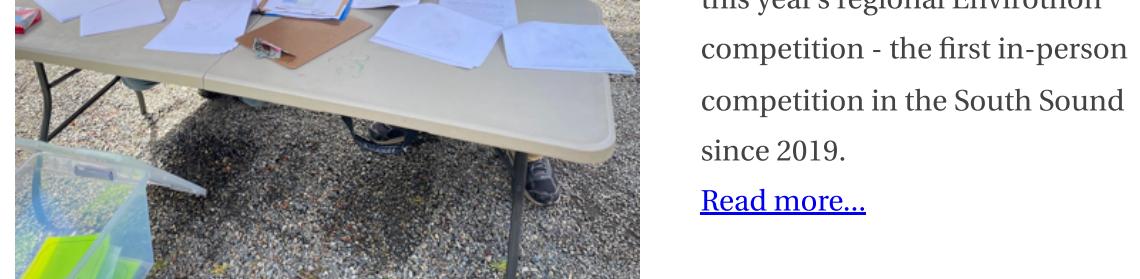
Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Native Plant Walk up Sale!

Much gratitude to Puyallup tribal elder **Connie McCloud** for joining us at the opening to bless the space, the land, and all the plants. She reminded us of why want help the community access these sacred plants.

We wrote a [blog article](#) with beautiful pictures and a summary of the numbers.

[Read More](#)

Restoration Continues at South Prairie Creek Preserve



It takes a village to make a floodplain.

In mid-October, we kicked off the fall planting season with a large-scale planting on the north floodplain. Overall, our collaborative efforts installed 12,293 native trees, shrubs, and live stake cuttings across over 20 acres, and along half a mile of South Prairie Creek. Read our article to learn how the restoration was accomplished over the fall and spring and the **challenges we faced on the way**.

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Raising Salmon at the Office

For the first time this year, PCD raised live animals in our very own office—coho salmon! We raised them for Salmon in the Classroom, a partnership between [Foss Waterway Seaport](#) (FWS), [Tacoma Public Schools](#) (TPS), and our Environmental Education team. We helped FWS teach lessons, provide tank support, and troubleshoot tank issues at 12 Tacoma elementary schools. [Read more...](#)

High Schoolers Compete in Regional Envirothon



As the students and volunteers gathered at Priest Point Park in Olympia on the morning of April 19th, they kept an eye on their weather apps. Heavy rain and lightning were forecast for the day, threatening to throw a wrench in this year's regional Envirothon competition—the first in-person competition in the South Sound since 2019.

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County Council Proclaims May as Wildfire Awareness Month



The Pierce County Council issued a proclamation at its April 26th meeting instituting May as the County's "Wildfire Awareness Month." The proclamation underscores how wildfire risk and severity in Western Washington is trending in the wrong direction, along with the need to deliver meaningful action to mitigate these risks.

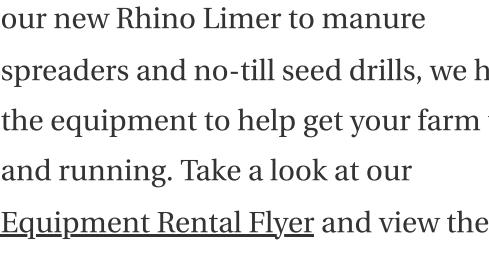
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Second Deadline for Farm Financial Assistance Program Announced.



PUYALLUP, Wash. (March 31, 2022) -

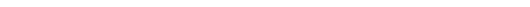
The Pierce Conservation District recently announced a second application deadline of Thursday, June 16, 2022, for assistance to implement on-farm improvements in the Puyallup and Nisqually watersheds through its Regional Conservation Partnership Program. [Read more...](#)



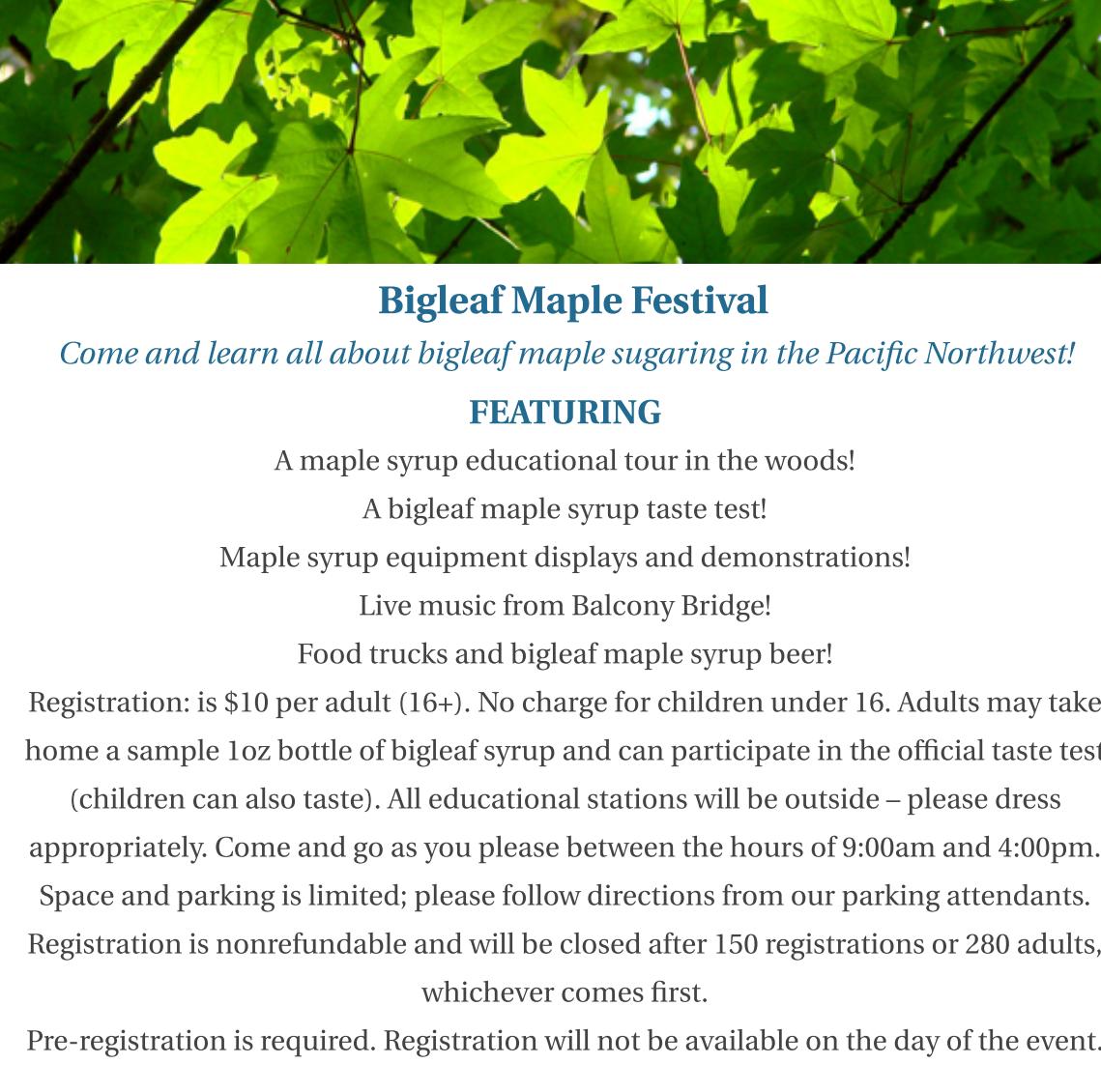
Farm Equipment Rentals



Our Puget Sound winter has been wet followed by a cold and wet spring. Are you anxiously awaiting dry weather to get started with seasonal projects such as applying lime, spreading composted manure, reseeding pasture, etc.? Are you wondering how you can accomplish these chores in an efficient way? Then let Pierce CD assist you with its farm equipment rental program. From our new Rhino Limer to manure spreaders and no-till seed drills, we have the equipment to help get your farm up and running. Take a look at our [Equipment Rental Flyer](#) and view the [Farm Services and Equipment](#) page on the PCD website.



NEW VIDEO: A Soil Health Journey: Cover Cropping and Direct Seeding



Partner Events



Bigleaf Maple Festival

Come and learn all about bigleaf maple sugaring in the Pacific Northwest!

FEATURING

A maple syrup educational tour in the woods!

A bigleaf maple syrup taste test!

Maple syrup equipment displays and demonstrations!

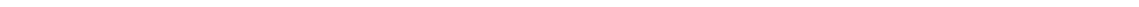
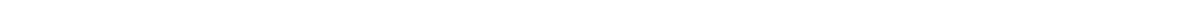
Live music from Balcony Bridge!

Food trucks and bigleaf maple syrup beer!

Registration: is \$10 per adult (16+). No charge for children under 16. Adults may take home a sample 1oz bottle of bigleaf syrup and can participate in the official taste test (children can also taste). All educational stations will be outside – please dress appropriately. Come and go as you please between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. Space and parking is limited; please follow directions from our parking attendants. Registration is nonrefundable and will be closed after 150 registrations or 280 adults, whichever comes first.

Pre-registration is required. Registration will not be available on the day of the event.

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Natural Yard Care Webinars

Primo Plants for Potent Pollinators of all Kinds with Robin Haglund.

Tuesday, May 3, 7-8:30 p.m. [Register here.](#)

You will learn how to develop a gorgeous garden with year-round interest plants that pollinators simply can't resist.

Rain Gardens: Plan, Prep, Plant and Maintain with Robb Krehbiel.

Thursday, May 5, 7-8:30 p.m. [Register here.](#)

You will learn how to create and maintain a rain garden using native plants that minimize impacts to stormwater while creating a lush and productive landscape.

COVID-19 Notice: Pierce Conservation District's office is closed until Phase 3 of the Governor's phased reopening begins, at which time we will be open on a limited basis with minimal staff on site. Our staff are all still working remotely and available to provide technical assistance, including virtual site visits. We have worked quickly to transition our programming to an online and interactive format, including some of the content below. We will be able to restart volunteer restoration activities. Please email info@piercecd.org with any questions.

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