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Whatcom Conservation District
CONSERVATION CALENDAR 2026

ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Plant Sale & Celebration: March 21st

Pioneer Park, 2004 Cherry St.
Ferndale, WA 98248

Pre-Order Deadline: March 6th

www.whatcomcd.org/native-plant-sale

Pre-Order Pick-Up: March 20th

NSEA, 3057 E Bakerview Rd.
Bellingham, WA 98226

DETAILS

- Plants are sold on a first come, first served basis, as available.
- The pre-order minimum is \$100. Plants available for pre-order are sold in bundles of 5 or 10.
- All species will be available for individual purchase on Saturday, March 21st.
- All sales are final. No refunds will be issued.

AVAILABILITY OF PLANTS

We cannot guarantee the availability of all of the plants. Uncontrollable situations, crop failure, disease, or damage are all factors. If we cannot fill part or all of your order due to unavailability, a plant substitution or refund will be offered.

PLANT GRADE & SIZE

Plants are conservation grade stock, graded on their ability to survive, not on their ornamental value. Seedlings are generally between 10"-36" tall, so your order will fit in a vehicle.

SURVIVABILITY

Generally, mortality should be no more than 10-20 percent. There are no refunds or exchanges for plants that do not survive.



LEARN ABOUT OUR
NATIVE PLANT SALE

2025 WHATCOM CD EVENTS

Whatcom Farm Expo: February 28th
Board Supervisor Election: March 17th
Native Plant Sale & Celebration: March 21st
NW Regional Envirothon: March 31st
Earth Day Planting: April 25th

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day: May 2nd
Whatcom Farm Speaker Series: May - September
Birch Bay Beach Cleanup: July 5th
Run with the Chums: September 12th
Orca Recovery Day: October 17th

OUR VISION

We envision a thriving community that protects and benefits from clean and plentiful water, productive working lands, and resilient natural habitats.

OUR MISSION

We form partnerships with Whatcom County residents and entities to advance resiliency and ecological processes on working lands, residential landscapes, waterways, and open spaces for current and future generations.



MEET YOUR WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT STAFF





A SPOTTED TOWHEE RESTS ON THE BRANCH OF A NATIVE TREE

Photo by Adam Brayton

The Nooksack River and coastal watersheds provide critical freshwater habitat for endangered Chinook salmon and a variety of other fish and wildlife, including this spotted towhee. In 2025, we restored 74.4 acres of streamside habitat with 41,912 native plants. We are looking forward to putting more native trees and shrubs along Whatcom streams this year!

JANUARY

CONSERVATION TIP:

Now is a great time to plan a pollinator garden! The Whatcom CD plant sale has a great selection of plants that will feed them throughout the year.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Years Day CD Office Closed	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Deadline To Apply To Be A Candidate	10
11	12	13	14 Board Candidates Announced	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day CD Office Closed	20	21	22 Treaty Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

CONSIDER THIS...

Riparian areas are lands that interact with water. They can be forests, wetlands, pastures, or sometimes backyards. Healthy riparian areas mean healthy water which is not only vital to fish and wildlife habitat, but also to human and livestock health. Is your riparian area healthy and functioning? Visit www.whatcomcd.org/habitat-restoration to learn more today!





WINTER RASPBERRIES

Photo by Alexi Guddal

At Whatcom CD, we prioritize working lands productivity and conservation, and that means prioritizing our farmers! In 2025, we hosted 5 Farm Speaker Series events and our annual Whatcom Farm Expo. About 600 farmers attended these events last year, and we look forward to providing resources to more farmers in 2026!

FEBRUARY

CONSERVATION TIP:

The roots of native plants stabilize soil, which protects the banks of creeks and ditches. Spring is a great time to plant! Order from our Native Plant Sale today to plant next month.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Deadline To Request A Mail-In Ballot						Valentines Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	President's Day CD Office Closed					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						Whatcom Farm Expo



CONSIDER THIS...

Join us on Saturday, February 28th at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds for the 10th Annual Whatcom Farm Expo! This event will include hands-on exhibits demonstrating the latest in agricultural innovations, products, and services, as well as speakers, seminars, demonstrations and discussions about growing a living in Whatcom County. Visit www.whatcomcd.org/whatcom-farm-expo to learn more!



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A YOUNG OREGON GRAPE UNFURLS

Photo by Tristan Simons

Native plants, like this Oregon grape, are important parts of our landscape. Planted on your property, they can reduce pollutants, retain ground water, prevent erosion, and support pollinators. At Whatcom CD, we prioritize community stormwater and habitat improvements, which includes planting native plants. At our 2025 plant sale we sold 38,000 plants to 1,200 people! Our goal is to provide more this year!

MARCH

CONSERVATION TIP:

Begin rotational grazing when your grass is at least six inches tall and the soil is no longer saturated. Contact a Whatcom CD farm planner today for a free consultation.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Native Plant Sale Pre-Order Deadline	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 Billy Frank Jr. Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Fix A Leak Week Begins	17 Ramadan Begins St. Patrick's Day Board Election Day	18	19	20 First Day of Spring Native Plant Sale Online Order Pick-Up	21 Native Plant Sale & Celebration
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 NW Regional Envirothon				

CONSIDER THIS...

We all belong to our local ecosystem and it is our duty to steward it. Learn more about planting native landscapes and get affordable native plants at Whatcom Conservation District's 33rd Annual Native Plant Sale & Celebration!

Visit www.whatcomcd.org/native-plant-sale to learn more!





AUGGIE LOVES HITTING THE TRAILS

Photo by Josh Kursky

Over 68,000 dogs live in Whatcom County, and they produce over 18 million pounds of poop per year. Dog poop carries high levels of bacteria, parasites, and diseases. Whatcom CD works closely with Whatcom County, the City of Lynden, and the City of Ferndale to help reduce pollution from pet waste. In 2025, Whatcom CD engaged 2,232 people around pet waste at park pop ups and community events.

APRIL

CONSERVATION TIP:

Native plants can help protect local streams, rivers, and bays from pollution carried by stormwater. Spring is one of the best times to plant!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 April Fool's Day Passover Begins	2	3	4
	5 Easter	6	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 National Arbor Day	25 Earth Day Planting
26	27	28	29	30 		

CONSIDER THIS...

Due to their diet, dog poop is not easily compostable. A high heat composting facility is required to break it down safely and remove dangerous bacteria and parasites. The best way to dispose of your dog's poop is to scoop it, bag it, and trash it every time and everywhere. Visit www.scoop-poop.org to learn more!





FUELS REDUCTION IMPROVES WILDFIRE RESILIENCY

Photo by Alexis Bryson

Excess biomass from limbing trees and pruning vegetation can pose a wildfire hazard. Whatcom CD helps landowners remove this hazardous biomass through wood chipping and biochar production using a flame-cap kiln, as seen above. In 2025, Whatcom CD facilitated 10 fuels reduction projects to meet our Climate Resiliency and Preparedness goal of increasing wildfire preparedness and improving forest health.

MAY

CONSERVATION TIP:

Simple actions can reduce your home's wildfire risk. Now is the time to clear the leaf litter and debris on your roof, gutters, and around your home.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						Wildfire Community Preparedness Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day				Farm Speaker Series		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Memorial Day CD Office Closed					

CONSIDER THIS...

Wildfires are becoming more common and more threatening in our region, but your home can survive a wildfire! Sign up for a free home risk assessment to find out what you can do around your home to reduce your wildfire risk.

Find more information by visiting whatcomcd.org/wildfire





5TH GENERATION DAIRY FARMER ASSISTS IN TOUR OF HIS FARM

Photo by Alexis Bryson

In 2025, Whatcom CD was able to expand its water education curriculum to serve 3rd through 7th graders in the Nooksack Valley School District, as well as 3rd and 4th grade classes throughout the county. In 2026, we are continuing to find ways to build on this success and provide place-based educational opportunities about water to even more students across Whatcom County.

JUNE

CONSERVATION TIP:

Consider automating with an irrigation controller and soaker hoses. \$75 rebates are available for WaterSense irrigation controllers.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Farm Speaker Series	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth CD Office Closed	20
21 Father's Day First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

CONSIDER THIS...

Would you like to get involved with Whatcom CD's Education and Outreach Program? The Whatcom Explorer Mobile Watershed visits schools and events across Whatcom County in the spring and summer. Reach out to a Whatcom CD educator to book a visit with your school or to volunteer for a Whatcom CD Event! Visit www.whatcomcd.org/outreach-education to learn more.





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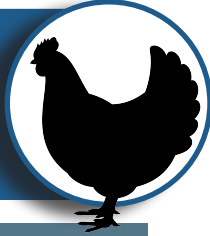
Photo by Adam Brayton

Community agriculture and local food systems are an important part of our county, and in 2025 Whatcom CD took steps to reach new audiences. With the help of our Conservation Ambassador we were able to connect Hispanic-owned direct market farm businesses with vital services like soil testing, equipment rentals, small grants, and conservation planning services.

JULY

CONSERVATION TIP:

Now is the time to plan and install paddocks. Proper winter confinement is imperative to the health of your animals and your soil.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					CD Office Closed	Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
July 5th Beach Cleanup						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Farm Speaker Series		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

CONSIDER THIS...

Farm planning with Whatcom Conservation District is affordable! Our staff provide free, confidential, and custom farm planning services to help you achieve your farm goals — no matter how big or small.

For more information visit www.whatcomcd.org/farm-resources.



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SEMIAHMOO AT SUNSET
Photo by Alexis Bryson

The waters of Whatcom County are a quintessential part of the landscape. However, climate change is reducing our summer water capacity. In 2025, we administered the Whatcom Water Alliance Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program, providing 51 rebates for water saving appliances to community members. This furthers our natural resource priority of climate resiliency and preparation.

AUGUST

CONSERVATION TIP:

Soil moisture sensors can help you gather data to better utilize one of our most valuable resources: water. Strategic watering can help reduce both labor and costs for irrigation.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Farm Speaker Series		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				NW Washington Fair Begins		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

CONSIDER THIS...

Reducing your water consumption helps our local ecosystem and can reduce your water bill. Upgrading appliances to more efficient models can save water and money every day! The Whatcom Water Alliance Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program provides up to \$100 back on efficient toilets, dishwashers, and washing machines. Learn more and apply today at www.whatcomwateralliance.org/rebates.





RUN WITH THE CHUMS STARTING LINE

Photo by Alexi Guddal

For the past 14 years, Whatcom CD has invited the community to join us in celebrating salmon at Run with the Chums! In 2025, 397 people came to this 5K Fun Run and Smolt Sprint. This event promotes actions we all can take to support salmon and our efforts to improve community stormwater and habitat. Join us in having fun and spreading the word about the importance of our salmon!

SEPTEMBER

CONSERVATION TIP:

Rain collected in storm drains, on streets, and in parking lots is rarely treated before entering near by rivers and streams. Make sure only rain is going down the drain!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day CD Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12 Run with the Chums Whatcom Water Week Begins
13	14	15	16	17 Farm Speaker Series	18	19 National Cleanup Day
20	21 Septic Smart Week Begins	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

CONSIDER THIS...

Whatcom CD offers opportunities to volunteer and improve water quality year round, but Whatcom Water Week always has special opportunities and events! Help us host Run with the Chums, volunteer to mark storm drains, or help plant native plant landscaping and raingardens. Sign up to receive volunteer opportunities today at: www.whatcomcd.org/volunteer-opportunities.





A PINK SALMON SWIMS UPSTREAM
Photo by Alexi Guddal

Pacific salmon and Southern Resident orcas are keystone species – so essential that their loss would disrupt the health and balance of the entire ecosystem. Every year on Orca Recovery Day, our community joins us in helping to restore habitat to help our salmon and orcas. In 2025, 115 volunteers planted 712 native plants in Whatcom County, making it the biggest ever! Let's see if we can make 2026 even bigger.

OCTOBER

CONSERVATION TIP:

Change doesn't happen overnight. Small actions can make a big difference, start with one. Pick up litter, practice natural yard care, or scoop your poop!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Indigenous Peoples & Columbus Day CD Office Closed	13	14	15	16	17 Orca Recovery Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Make a Difference Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

CONSIDER THIS...

Orca Recovery Day is a regional day of action focused on improving conditions for our critically endangered Southern Resident Orca whales. Whatcom Orca Recovery Day focuses on restoring Chinook salmon habitat along streams and estuaries. You can also help to restore salmon habitat on your stream through our Stream Habitat Restoration Program. Visit whatcomcd.org/habitat-restoration to learn more!





CONVERTING LAWN TO NATIVE LANDSCAPING

Photo by Alexi Guddal

Lots of rainwater flows into our storm drains, streams, rivers, and bays. Planting native plants helps to retain and filter water. Whatcom CD's Neighborhood Native Landscaping Program provides homeowners with native plants, mulch, and planning to turn lawns into native landscaping. In 2025, 3,050 native plants replaced lawns, providing community stormwater and habitat improvements.

NOVEMBER

CONSERVATION TIP:

Covering your manure pile can increase the internal temperature and speed up the breakdown process. This helps retain nutrients instead of the rain transporting them away.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8 Diwali	9	10	11 Veterans Day CD Office Closed	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 CD Office Closes at Noon	26 Thanksgiving CD Office Closed	27 Native American Heritage Day CD Office Closed	28
29	30					

CONSIDER THIS...

Water quality for fish and other wildlife can be improved by planting native trees and shrubs in your yard, along streets, and around creeks. Whatcom CD offers several programs that assist homeowners with installing native plants on their properties.

For more information visit whatcomcd.org/habitat-restoration.





THE SKY IS THE LIMIT
Photo by Emily Hirsch

Whatcom CD's engagement strategy centers on helping community members access Whatcom CD expertise and programs that work for them. In 2025, we published 41 materials for our community's benefit, including bringing this calendar to your mailbox with beautiful photos from across Whatcom County by our talented staff.

DECEMBER

CONSERVATION TIP:

December is a great time for reflection. What did you learn this year that will help you improve in 2026? About the land? About yourself?



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 World Soil Day Hanukkah Begins
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve CD Office Closes at Noon	25 Christmas Day CD Office Closed	26 Kwanzaa
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve CD Office Closes at Noon		

CONSIDER THIS...

Sign up for the Whatcom Conservation District monthly E-News to stay up to date with upcoming events, funding opportunities, conservation stories, work parties, and more!

Visit whatcomcd.org/publications to join today.



WHATCOM CD

Conservation districts work at the intersection of people and place by providing an ecological understanding and deep connection to the land and natural resources. At Whatcom CD, we promote responsible stewardship, sustainable land management, and support for natural resource based economies.

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