

Services for Berry Producers



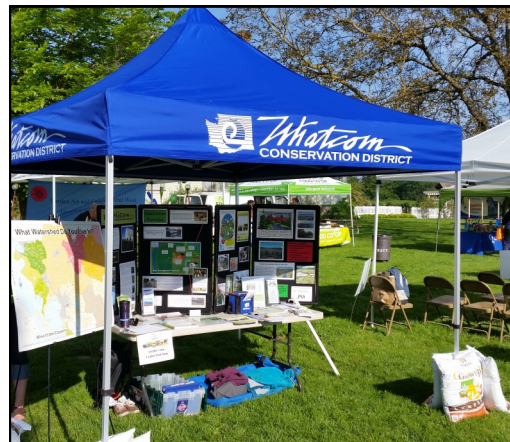
Farm Planning

- Establishment of concise “Best Management Practices”
- Aid in navigating cost share programs for the installation of conservation project



Habitat and Restoration

- Planning and Installation of Riparian zones, buffers and filter strips
- Replacement or renovation of fish passages and barriers



Outreach and Education

- Annual Native Plant Sale (every March)
- We frequently do workshops and farm tours
- Look for us at events around the county under our blue tent

What is the Whatcom Conservation District?

Since 1946 we have worked with landowners and farmers, on a voluntary basis, to manage natural resources in Whatcom County. We are meeting today's challenges with expanding programs and opportunities to help people conserve their land and its resources. The District has a wealth of information concerning water quality issues, and management of small and large farming operations.



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Do you grow berries? Here are some things to consider...

- Fertilizer applications are most effective during periods of peak demand
- Applying more than the recommended amount increases the application cost without increasing yield
- Separated solids are a great mulch material and fertilizer
- Manure integration can decrease compaction and increase organic matter
- Manure should be used judiciously and stored with care
- Erosion on waterways allows for run-off
- Increased sediment in the water can physically harm fish and fill-in spawning areas
- Nutrients contribute to toxins in the water supply and toxic algae bloom



Balance the management of natural resources with effective farming practices to maximize efficiency

Improving Pollinator Habitat

Improvement of pollinator habitat can decrease pollination costs and increase fruit set. Hedgerows, flower strips and replacement of invasive plants and benefit pollinators.



Drainage and Ditch Management

Hedgerows and stream buffers can help to contain spray drift, reduce erosion and maintain populations of beneficial insects including predatory insects and pollinators



Manure and Nutrient Management

We can help you get the most out of your nutrient applications while guiding through the regulatory obligations for handling and storing manure.



Funding Opportunities

We can help with identifying sources of financial assistance for conservation project installation, including: hedgerow installation, wetland restoration, and buffer construction.



Contact a Conservation District Resource Specialist for assistance. We can meet you on your farm or at our office.

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