

Water to Earth Month Kicks off March 22 with Activities for All Ages

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is celebrating Water to Earth Month with the community and our partners through in-person and virtual events and activities. World Water Day, with its theme of Glacier Preservation, kicks off the celebration on March 22, and Earth Day, with its theme of Our Power, Our Planet, wraps it up on April 22. These themes are reflected in the many activities the public is invited to participate in during Water to Earth Month.

“This year’s Water to Earth Month highlights the importance of glacial meltwater for the environment and in our daily lives, such as by providing drinking water and sustaining agriculture, and the need to focus on renewable energy for a sustainable future,” said Vanessa Craig, RDN Chair. “We invite residents to come out and learn about simple but effective actions we can take to help protect our shared water resources and the environment, now and for years to come.”

Many events are planned during Water to Earth Month, including:

- March 22 - World Water Day guided interpretive walk, Nanaimo River Regional Park
- April 4 - Interpretive walk, Departure Creek
- April 11 - Nanaimo River Watershed and Water Treatment Plant tour
- April 13 - Earth Day Celebration! Come to our biggest Earth Day event to date at Bowen Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn about local water resources and environmental stewardship from vendors, information booths, interactive workshops and nature walks!
- April 22- Invasive Plant work party with the City of Nanaimo
- April 23 - WellSmart workshop in Meadowood
- Explore rain gardens in your community with a self-guided tour
- Online contests where you can share water conservation and climate action photos and stories on the RDN’s social media channels for a chance to win some great prize packs

The RDN is partnering with the City of Nanaimo, Nanaimo Area Land Trust, Vancouver Island University, Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Institute, Mosaic Forest Management, The Brant Wildlife Festival and other local experts to present these events. The RDN works with these community partners throughout the year to support robust water monitoring programs, community events, stream restoration projects, outdoor education and other stewardship projects in our region.

For online activities, a complete list of events, rain garden tour guide and links to register, visit the RDN Team WaterSmart Get Involved page at getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart. Follow the RDN on [social media](#) for fun contests.

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