



Rural Services

KCD offers a wide range of programs and services to support rural residents' natural resources stewardship throughout KCD's service area.* All landowners/lessees within the boundaries are entitled to free information and technical assistance to help them:

- ◆ Protect water quality
- ◆ Enhance wildlife habitat
- ◆ Develop farm conservation plan
- ◆ Stabilize slopes
- ◆ Improve soil quality
- ◆ Use native plants
- ◆ Find manure for their farm or garden
- ◆ Find volunteer opportunities
- ◆ Restore streams and other waterways
- ◆ Learn about many other natural resource topics



* KCD's service area includes 34 cities and all of unincorporated King County. The cities of Enumclaw, Federal Way, Skykomish, Milton, and Pacific are outside KCD boundaries, but residents of those cities can have samples processed for a fee.

What we offer

Visit KCD's website for detailed descriptions or to request assistance.

Farm Conservation Technical Assistance



KCD resource planners and technicians help residents develop conservation plans that meet their land use goals and protect the natural resources on their property. Planning assistance is offered free of charge to both crop producers and livestock owners.

Soil Testing



Soil nutrient testing guides the proper application of compost and fertilizer, allowing optimization of plant uptake and minimizing water pollution. Each KCD service area* resident is eligible for five free soil nutrient tests for properties they either own or rent. Additional soil tests can be ordered for a small fee.

Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)



KCD provides financial assistance to support implementation of conservation practices on private property. Expenses associated with pre-approved best management practices (BMPs) are matched with KCD cost-share funds for: Aquatic Area Buffer Planting, Building Relocation from Aquatic Area/Buffer, Bulkhead Removal, Buffer Fencing, Cover Crops, Forest Health Management, Heavy Use Protection Area, Pasture Health Management, Roof Run-off Structure, Stream Crossing, Subsurface Drain, Waste Storage Facility, Off-Channel Watering Facility.



Most services provided by KCD are free and without obligation. We are a non-regulatory, non-enforcement agency tasked with helping residents meet their conservation goals.

Equipment Rental and Loan Program



KCD has farm equipment available for rent or loan.

Fee: Manure Spreader, Poultry Processing Equipment, EcoDrill No-Till Seed Drill, Rhino Limer Drop Spreader

Free: Hay Probe, Weed Wrench, Soil Probe, Drain Tile Probe

Agricultural Drainage Program



KCD provides comprehensive services to assist farmers with maintaining and improving agricultural drainage systems. We help farmers participate in King County's Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program (ADAP) through a combination of technical and financial

assistance. KCD and King County conducted a county-wide assessment of drainage needs as the basis for future planning.

Dairy Nutrient Management Planning



KCD provides nutrient management planning assistance to all licensed dairies in King County to help in complying with the requirements of the Dairy Nutrient Management Act and Concentrated Animal Feed Operation regulations.

Manure Match



Through Manure Match, landowners who have more manure or compost than they can use on their own property can connect with individuals seeking nutrients and organic matter for their gardens, pastures and crops. This online list has livestock owners with surplus

manure for free to those looking for amendments. It is a simple, free way to recycle valuable nutrients and organic matter. Visit KCD's website to find or share manure.

Farm Tours and Education Programs



Learn from other landowners in your area about how they have designed their farms with natural resource management practices in mind. Farm Tours take place spring through fall throughout King County. Technical experts will be at every tour ready to answer

questions and provide resources. Visit KCD's website for the current scheduled events.

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