



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:



- ◆ 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 www.kingcd.org 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 cost-share for implementation of conservation practices on private property. Pre-approved best management practices' (BMPs) expenses 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 are free and without obligation. KCD is 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 help farmers with agricultural drainage system maintainance and improvements. Participating farmers get a combination of technical and financial assistance provided by KCD and King County's Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program (ADAP) resulting from county-wide assessments of drainage needs.

Dairy Nutrient Management Planning



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

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 through KCD's online Manure Match. The list has livestock owners with free surplus manure to those looking for amendments and property owners looking for manure. This simple, free way to recycle valuable nutrients and organic matter.

Farm Tours and Education Programs



Learn from other landowners about to design a farm with natural resource management practices in mind. Farm Tours take place frequently throughout King County. Technical experts are at every tour ready to answer questions and provide resources.

Native Bareroot Plan Sale & Community Fair



KCD's Native Plant Sale offers a variety of native trees and shrubs for conservation purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedgerows, reforestation and stream enhancement. Online pre-order starts in November and in-person pickup is in late winter/early spring.

See www.kingcd.org for details about all of the programs mentioned.