

## WE ARE MOVING!

In October, the Clallam Conservation District office will be moving down town to the Armory Square Building at 228 West First Street, Suite H in Port Angeles. Our new office is located on the street level at the west end of the building. The NRCS will remain in their present location.

Come check out our new digs during our November 12 open house from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

## Funding Opportunity for Small Forest Landowners

The Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP) is a voluntary program through which landowners can receive financial and technical assistance for removing or repairing fish barriers on forestland. A "fish passage barrier" is any human-made instream structure that impedes the free passage of fish. Examples of fish passage barriers include culverts, dams, weirs, and road crossings. Cost-share rates range from 75% to 100% of eligible project costs.

You may qualify for the program if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a private, small forest landowner.
- The fish barrier is on forestland and associated with a road.
- The structure is on a fish-bearing stream.

The Conservation District has sponsored 15 FFFPP projects since 2006, helping private forest landowners in Clallam County from the first step of applying for funding all the way up to overseeing construction of the project. Applications are submitted to the Small Forest Landowner Office at Department of Natural Resources (DNR). If you are interested in learning more about the program please contact the Conservation District or refer directly to the DNR website at: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/fffpp>



**Before (top photo):** Undersized culvert on a tributary to Coville Creek

**After:** Fish were seen swimming up the newly replaced culvert within minutes of the stream going through the new channel.

## FALL TIPS

### Don't forget to disconnect your rain barrels from your downspouts!

One inch of rain on a 1,000 square foot roof produces 625 gallons, so heavy fall and winter rainstorms can quickly overwhelm 55-gallon rain barrels. Also freezing temperatures can damage pipes if not drained.

### Save those leaves to use for mulch around trees, shrubs and other plants.

Leaves can be applied in a layer 3"-4" thick if they are composted first, or applied dry in a layer about 6" thick. Mulch adds a barrier to weeds, helps retain moisture and adds valuable nutrients back to the soil as it decomposes.



# NATIVE PLANT SALE



Mock Orange

If you are interested in ordering **100 or more native plants of the same species**, please contact the Conservation District by email at [info@clallamcd.org](mailto:info@clallamcd.org) or phone at 360-452-1912 ext. 5. The deadline for placing large orders at the discounted rates shown below is November 15, 2013. Plants will not be available for pick-up until March 1, 2014. Pre-payment is required. Limited quantities are available and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

All other orders will be accepted beginning January 2, 2014. Plants will be \$15 for bundles of ten plants and \$25 for bundles of 25 conifer trees. Order forms will be included in the Winter issue of "Conservation News," which will go out the last week of December and be posted on our website. For more information on our plant sale and detailed descriptions of the plants that will be offered for sale please visit our website:

[www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org)

2014 Large Order Pricing	PRICE (Per 100 Plants)
<b>CONIFERS</b>	
Douglas Fir	\$55.00
Grand Fir	\$60.00
Shore Pine	\$65.00
Sitka Spruce	\$77.00
Western Hemlock	\$100.00
Western Red Cedar	\$82.00
<b>HARDWOODS</b>	
Big Leaf Maple	\$112.00
Pacific Crab Apple	\$107.00
Rocky Mtn Maple	\$107.00
Red Alder	\$102.00
Vine Maple	\$112.00
<b>SHRUBS</b>	
Blue Elderberry	\$107.00
Indian plum	\$117.00
Mock Orange	\$112.00
Ninebark	\$107.00
Nootka Rose	\$87.00
Oregon Grape Short	\$112.00
Red Elderberry	\$107.00
Red Flowering Current	\$87.00
Red Osier Dogwood	\$87.00
Serviceberry	\$107.00
Snowberry	\$87.00
Thimbleberry	\$107.00
Twinberry	\$102.00



Ninebark



Red Elderberry



Red Flowering Current

## SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING CLASSES

### NATURAL LANDSCAPING COURSE

**WHEN:** Three Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 pm on October 7, 14 and 21 and three Friday afternoon field trips on October 11, 18, and 25.

**WHERE:** Dungeness River Audubon Center in Sequim (evening classes)

**COST:** \$25 materials fee, please call 360-452-1912 ext. 5 or email: [info@clallamcd.org](mailto:info@clallamcd.org) to register

Conservation District manager Joe Holtrop will provide instruction on how to design and install a sustainable landscape that will work for you and the environment. Using Permaculture design principles, you will learn how to evaluate the unique site conditions of your property, prepare a landscape plan suited to those conditions, and develop a strategy for implementing your plan.

### THREE LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS FIELD WORKSHOPS

Learn how to identify over 25 native trees and shrubs while walking trails. Information about wildlife habitat benefits of each species and tips on how to design a natural landscape will be provided.

**WORKSHOP 1:** September 27 (Friday) at the Dungeness River Festival at 3:00pm.

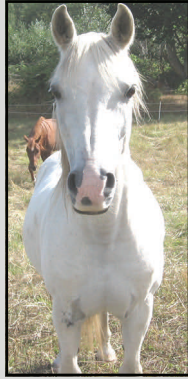
**WORKSHOP 2:** September 28 (Saturday) at Robin Hill Farm Park from 2:00 to 3:00pm.

**WORKSHOP 3:** October 5 (Saturday) at the Dungeness Recreation Area from 1:00 to 4:30pm.

All workshops are FREE, **but pre-registration is required**, call 360-452-1912 x 5 or email: [info@clallamcd.org](mailto:info@clallamcd.org)

## FREE FARM WORKSHOP

ATTENTION HORSE OWNERS!  
Tired of slogging through mud to care for your horses in the winter? Not sure what to do with the never ending supply of horse manure? Join Conservation District planners for answers on **Wednesday, October 2nd from 5:30—7:00pm** for a tour of Trailside Ranch.



In 2010 Janice and Jack Regan, owners of Trailside Ranch, worked with the Conservation District to develop a farm plan for their 7-acre horse boarding facility. The farm tour will showcase mud-free paddocks, manure storage and handling, and drainage systems that handle roof runoff water from their large barns. Call the District at 360-452-1912 ext. 5 to reserve a spot and get directions to the ranch. Dress for the weather and please do not bring pets.

## PIC PLANNING PROCESS GAINS MOMENTUM FROM KITSAP COUNTY

Kitsap County's successful Pollution Identification & Correction (PIC) program was the highlight of August's PIC planning meeting in Sequim. Staff from Kitsap County's Public Health District and Kitsap Conservation District described how their organizations work together to identify and clean-up water pollution in their county.

Local PIC stakeholders, comprised of Clean Water District (CWD) work group members and interested citizens, are meeting the 4th Thursday of every month at the Sequim Library. The next meeting is September 26th at 1:00pm. Kitsap County's PIC plan will be used as a model for developing the local PIC plan. The draft plan should be ready for review in August 2014.

Check out the Conservation District's home page ([www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org)) for a newly created page on PIC that includes planning meeting notes, agendas for upcoming meetings, and more.

## FALL FARM TIPS

- ⇒ Fall is a great time to take soil samples to test fertility of pasture soils. The District accepts soil the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Visit the website for detailed instructions on obtaining soil samples.
- ⇒ Do not apply too much nitrogen fertilizer in the fall. High nitrogen applications in the fall can not only waste money and cause problems for water quality, but can also make grass plants more susceptible to winter damage as nitrogen-induced rapid growth can slow or stop winter dormancy.
- ⇒ Remove animals from pastures during the winter to keep soil from becoming compacted and to prevent overgrazing OR put animals in a smaller pasture that will be reseeded next spring.
- ⇒ Create mud-free paddocks for winter confinement for animals and apply mud-free techniques around gates, access roads and other areas that are heavily used. (Call us or visit our website to get a free copy of *A Guide to Creating Heavy Use Areas* for more detailed instructions.)
- ⇒ Be sure gutters and downspouts are functioning to keep runoff away from barns and paddocks.
- ⇒ Check that drainage ditches and culverts are free of debris like sticks and leaves.
- ⇒ Ensure that your manure storage area is cleaned out and ready. Locate your manure storage structure in a high and dry area so it does not contaminate surface or ground water, and in an area you can easily dump a wheelbarrow during the winter.



*Clallam Conservation District provides free technical assistance to horse and livestock owners. For more information on our services or to request publications on topics like growing healthier pastures, creating manure storage bins, or reducing on-farm mud please call 360-452-1912 ext. 5 or visit our website: [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org)*

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