

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The 2012 Clallam Conservation District annual Board of Supervisors elections will be held in March. The Board of Supervisors will adopt a resolution setting the date, times and locations of the election at the January 10, 2012 Board meeting. All Clallam County registered voters are eligible to vote.

The Board of Supervisors is comprised of five members, each serving a three-year term without compensation. Three of the five Supervisors are elected by registered Clallam County voters. The other two Supervisors are appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission. Don Hatler, Ashley Merscher and Joe Murray are the three elected Supervisors. Nash Huber and Ben Smith are the two appointed Supervisors. The position held by Don Hatler is up for election this year and the position held by Ben Smith is up for appointment.

The Board holds monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:00PM at the USDA Service Center, 1601 East Front St., Bldg/Suite A, Port Angeles. The meetings are open to the public.

Taking into account the needs and interests of land users, Supervisors identify local conservation issues, set priorities and oversee the implementation of plans to protect soil, water, wildlife, and other renewable natural resources. The Board employs four staff and oversees a budget projected to be about \$1.5 million in 2012.

Visit our website at [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org) or call 452-1912 ext. 5 for more information on District elections or to volunteer to assist with elections.

### QUICK FACTS

**Nominating Petitions and Applications for Appointed Supervisor positions may be obtained from either:**

- Clallam Conservation District  
1601 E Front Street, Bldg./Suite A  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
(360) 452-1912 x 5  
Website: [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org)

OR

- WA State Conservation Commission  
P.O. Box 47721  
Olympia, WA 98504-7721  
(360) 407-6200  
[www.scc.wa.gov](http://www.scc.wa.gov)

- **Deadline for submitting Nominating Petition:**

TBA following January 2012 Board meeting.

*(A Nominating Petition signed by 25 registered voters must be submitted to the Clallam Conservation District in order to be on the ballot.)*

- **Deadline for submitting Applications for Appointed Supervisors:**  
March 31, 2012

## COME VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

After three years of planning (*or was it procrastinating?*) we are finally ready to launch our new website! The new and improved site located at [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org) is up and running just in time for our plant sale. All the content from our old website and much more is available on the new website, including many more publications, links and resources.

This website is still a work in progress and we will be adding more information in the coming months, so continue to check back. Please don't hesitate to send us an email or give us a call with any feedback, good or bad. Special thanks go to Andrew Phay of Whatcom Conservation District for all his help and patience developing our new site.

**Clallam Conservation District**  
Putting Conservation on the Ground Since 1959

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Welcome to the Clallam Conservation District

We are a non-regulatory sub-division of state government created in 1959 to help land users conserve natural resources. We provide information and technical and financial assistance to help you achieve your land use objectives in an environmentally sustainable manner. Assistance is provided at no cost to willing land user.

Our five-member voluntary Board of Supervisors holds public meetings at 3:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month at our office located in the USDA Service Center, 1601 E. Front Street in Port Angeles. Funding for our services is provided primarily through state and federal grants.

Please visit our program area pages to learn more about how we might be able to help you.

**News and Events**

**Conservation District Elections and Appointments**

The Clallam Conservation District is pleased to announce an opportunity to contribute to conservation and your community by serving on the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors are public officials who direct the activities of the conservation district and, although they serve without compensation, Supervisors are eligible to be reimbursed for appropriate expenses. For more information about the responsibilities and obligations of serving as a Conservation District Board Supervisor please see the Washington State

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News and Events

- 2012 Plant Sale Instructions & Order Form
- Fall Newsletter
- Winter Newsletter
- January 3, 2012 - Begin accepting plant orders
- January 10, 2012 - Monthly Board meeting at District's office, 3:00
- March 3, 2012 - Plant sale pick-up at Lazy J Tree Farm, 10:00 - 12:00

## RIGHT PLANT— RIGHT PLACE

Our natural tendency when buying plants is to focus on the characteristics that appeal to our senses, such as blossoms, fragrance, fall color, shape and texture. One very important thing to consider, that often gets overlooked when choosing plants, is the site conditions where you plan to plant.

Ideally, the list of plants you order is based on a planting plan. A good plan doesn't need to be overly detailed, but it should identify species and approximate quantities.

Plant selection should first be narrowed down to trees versus shrubs, then evergreen versus deciduous. Your landscape objectives inform these basic decisions. Do you want shade in summer but sun in winter? Are you trying to create year-round privacy, screen a view, or block the wind? Or are you just trying to reduce your lawn and improve wildlife habitat? Consider the mature size of the plant—you don't want to block any prized views or have trees grow into power lines.

Once you've determined your objectives and narrowed your list to trees or shrubs, evergreens or deciduous, let the site conditions influence your selection of species.

The most important site condition is moisture availability. Is your soil well-drained or does it hold water well? In other words, do you have sandy, gravelly soil, or clay? Or is your site blessed with loam? Do you have a high water table or ponding water in the winter? Perhaps you have a combination of these?

Also consider the microclimate. Is the site sunny or shady? Is it exposed to wind or protected? See the *Habitat* column in the **Plant Descriptions** table for information about soil moisture and microclimate.

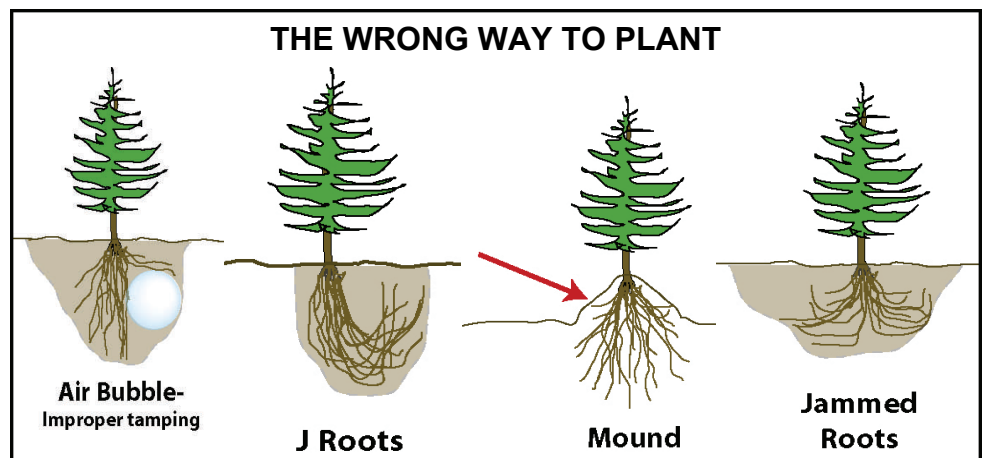
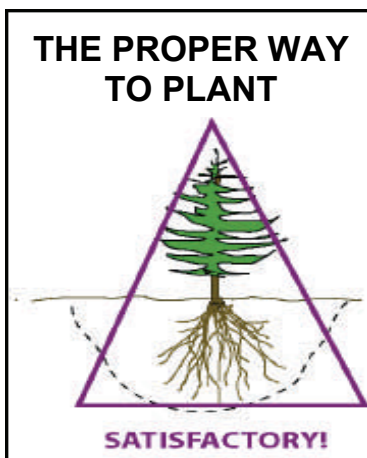
Once you've determined what plants meet your functional objectives and are suitable for your site conditions, you can narrow your species selection based on aesthetic criteria, such as blossoms, fall color, fragrance, and wildlife benefits. As a general rule, if you want blossoms for color or attracting nectar-feeding birds and insects, most shrubs will work. Similarly, most shrubs produce fruit that attract wildlife. Obviously, for fall color you're limited to deciduous trees and shrubs. Evergreens are good for wind-breaks, year-round screens and winter cover for wildlife.

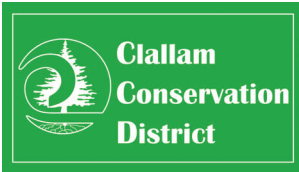
And don't forget to think about how you're going to care for the plants when you pick them up. Conservation District plants are bare-root seedlings. They must be treated with care, preferably put back into the soil within a couple days of purchase. Remember, if you order just one bundle each of three species, you'll be taking home 30 bare-root plants in need of immediate care! Unless the final destination for these plants is an area you can easily water and care for, it's best to pot up your plants for fall planting. All new plantings will require supplemental water until established—typically two or three growing seasons.

To learn more about how to care for your plants, proper techniques for planting, and short-term and long-term maintenance needs please attend one of our **Planting and Maintaining a Native Landscape Workshops** on either February 9 (Thurs.) at the Dungeness River Audubon Center in Sequim, 2151 West Hendrickson Road from 6:30 to 8:00pm or February 15 (Wed.) at the Port Angeles Library, 2210 South Peabody Street from 7:00 to 8:30pm.



Oregon grape





# 2011 Conservation District Plant Sale Ordering Information

## PLANTS:

Plants are 1 to 2 year-old **bare-root seedlings** (no soil on the roots) ranging in size from 8" to 24". Plants are sold in **bundles of 10** of each species, except for conifer trees, which are also available in bundles of 25.

## AVAILABILITY:

All plants are sold on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. Plants must be pre-ordered by **February 17, 2012** for pick up on **March 3, 2012**. Quantities are limited and many species sell out, thus early orders are advised. In the event we cannot fill part or all of your order, a plant substitution or refund will be offered.

## PLANT PICK UP:

Plants are available for pick up on **March 3 (Saturday) at Lazy J Tree Farm** (located between Port Angeles and Sequim) from **10:00am to 12:00pm**. Unless prior arrangements are made, any plants not picked up on this date may be donated to restoration projects. Refunds will not be given for plants not picked up.

## ORDERING:

Minimum order amount is \$25. All orders **must be prepaid**, either by cash or check. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards. If paying with cash please have exact amount.

**Orders will be taken until February 17, 2012**

**By Mail:** Fill out the order form (available on our website starting December 31) and mail it along with a check payable to:

**Clallam Conservation District**  
1601 E. Front St., Bldg/Suite A  
Port Angeles, WA 98362



**In Person:** Stop by our office (Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm)

Once we receive your order, a receipt will be mailed or emailed out to you with information on when and where to pick up your plants. We will also mail you a reminder notice a couple of weeks prior to pick up day.

## VOLUNTEERS:

If you would like to help fill orders on February 24, help organize orders on March 2, or pass out plants on March 3, please call (360) 452-1912 ext. 109. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## QUESTIONS:

Give us a call at (360) 452-1912 ext. 5

OR

Stop by our office at 1601 E. Front St., Bldg/Suite A in Port Angeles

OR

Visit our website at: [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org) for additional articles on native plants and a plant photo gallery with descriptions of the plants.

**Attend one of our free Workshops: Planting and Maintaining a Native Landscape.** Participants will learn how to care for newly acquired native plants, including incorporating them into existing landscapes, planting, and maintenance.

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# 2012 Plant Descriptions



Species	Height (max.)	Plant Description / Use	Habitat
<b>EVERGREEN TREES</b>			
<b>Douglas Fir</b> <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	200'	Fast-growing, used for windbreaks, wildlife, fuel wood, lumber.	Prefers full sun. Grows in all but the wettest conditions. Drought tolerant.
<b>Grand Fir</b> <i>Abies grandis</i>	140'-200'	Straight, stately conifer. Glossy dark green flat needles. Popular, fragrant Christmas tree.	Full sun to partial shade. Tolerant of varying soils and moisture conditions.
<b>Shore Pine</b> <i>Pinus contorta "contorta"</i>	15-100'	Relatively short conifer with variable form from crooked to straight trunk.	Full sun. Tolerates varying soils and moisture conditions from wet to well-drained.
<b>Sitka Spruce</b> <i>Picea sitchensis</i>	200'	Stiff, sharp-pointed pale green needles and droopy branches.	Full sun to partial shade. Prefers deep, moist, well-drained soils.
<b>Western Hemlock</b> <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>	140'-180'	Graceful, down-sweeping branches and feathery foliage.	Prefers shade. Grows best in deep, moist, well-drained soil, with high organic matter.
<b>Western Red Cedar</b> <i>Thuja plicata</i>	200'	Flattened, spray-like branchlets on drooping branches.	Full sun to full shade. Tolerates saturated soils and seasonal flooding.
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES</b>			
<b>Pacific Crabapple</b> <i>Malus fusca</i>	40'	Tree or large shrub. Typical apple leaves. White flowers in spring, tiny crabapples in fall.	Full sun to partial shade. Moist sites. Tolerates saturated soil.
<b>Red Alder</b> <i>Alnus rubra</i>	120'	Fast growing, short-lived tree. Fixes nitrogen. Often used for firewood.	Full sun to partial shade. Adaptable to poor soils. Tolerates flooding and drought.
<b>Rocky Mtn. Maple</b> <i>Acer glabrum</i>	30'	Small deciduous tree. Similar to vine maple but more tolerant of sun, wind and dry conditions.	Full sun to partial shade. Dry to somewhat moist sites.
<b>Vine Maple</b> <i>Acer circinatum</i>	10-30'	Large shrub or small deciduous tree. Vibrant fall colors.	Full sun to partial shade. Dry to somewhat moist sites.
<b>SHRUBS</b>			
<b>Blue Elderberry</b> <i>Sambucus caerulea</i>	20'	Flat-topped clusters of creamy-white flowers and dark blue berries. Fast-grower. A favorite food for wildlife.	Full sun to partial shade, moist to dry soils. Mostly found in clearings.
<b>Indian Plum</b> <i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	16'	Begins flowering and leaf-out in late February. Greenish-white flowers, and dark purple fruits in June.	Full sun to full shade. Prefers partial shade. Moist to dry sites with well-drained soils.
<b>Mock Orange</b> <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	5-10'	Loosely branched deciduous shrub with showy white flowers that appear in late spring.	Full sun to shade, prefers partial shade. Moist, well-drained to dry soils.
<b>Ninebark (Pacific)</b> <i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	13'	Multi-stemmed shrub with thin flakey bark. Alternate, maple-like leaves. White, pompom-like flower clusters.	Full sun to partial shade. Moist to wet sites, often near streams or wetlands.
<b>Nootka Rose</b> <i>Rosa nutkana</i>	8'	Robust, thorny rose with pairs of large prickles as leaf nodes. Large fragrant, pink flowers. Great for hedgerows.	Full sun to partial shade. Fairly dry to wet sites. Tolerates saturated soil.
<b>Oceanspray</b> <i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	15'	Multi-stemmed shrub with fragrant, white, cascading flower clusters. Seeds persist through winter.	Full sun to partial shade. Dry to moist sites with well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.
<b>Oregon Grape Short</b> <i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	2'	Broadleaved evergreen shrub with holly-like leaves. Clusters of yellow flowers and dark blue berries.	Full sun to full shade. Dry to moist sites with well-drained soil.
<b>Oregon Grape Tall</b> <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	8'	Broadleaved evergreen shrub with holly-like leaves. Clusters of yellow flowers and dark blue berries.	Full sun to full shade. Dry to moist sites with well-drained soil.
<b>Red Elderberry</b> <i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	10-20'	Pyramidal red flower clusters and red berries. Great for butterflies and hummingbirds.	Full sun to partial shade, moist to somewhat dry sites.
<b>Red Flowering Currant</b> <i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	5-12'	Deciduous shrub with ornamental red flowers that attract butterflies and hummingbirds.	Full sun to partial shade. Well-drained, dry to somewhat moist soils.
<b>Red Osier Dogwood</b> <i>Cornus sericea</i>	15'	Many-stemmed shrub to 15' wide. Distinctive red twigs. Opposite leaves, red-purple in fall. Bluish-white berries.	Full sun to partial shade, moist, well-drained soil. Tolerates seasonal flooding.
<b>Serviceberry</b> <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	10-25'	Multi-stemmed shrub/tree. Clusters of showy white flowers, dark purple berry-like fruit. Nice fall color.	Full sun to partial shade, moist to dry sites with well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.
<b>Thimbleberry</b> <i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	2-10'	Large white flowers, edible red, fuzzy berries that look like raspberries. Excellent food for birds and wildlife.	Full sun to partial shade. Intolerant of saturated soils.
<b>Twinberry</b> <i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	12'	Small, yellow tubular flowers, glossy black berries framed by maroon bracts. Excellent food for birds and wildlife.	Prefers shade. Commonly found in moist sites near streams or wetlands.



# 2012 Plant Sale Order Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## CLALLAM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1601 E. Front St., Bldg/Suite A  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
Phone: (360) 452-1912 ext. 5  
Email: ccd-info@conservewa.net  
Website: www.clallamcd.org

Can we send your receipt by email?

Yes  No

If you do not currently receive our newsletter, would you like to be added via:  Mail OR  Email

SPECIES	PRICE PER BUNDLE	QUANTITY (# of bundles)	PRICE
<b>CONIFER TREES</b>			
Douglas Fir	10 trees for \$15.00		\$
	25 trees for \$25.00		\$
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Red Flowering Currant	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Red Osier Dogwood	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Serviceberry	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Thimbleberry	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Twinberry	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
<b>EVERGREEN SHRUBS</b>			
Oregon Grape Tall	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$
Oregon Grape Short	10 shrubs for \$15.00		\$

Please complete this form and return with payment (checks payable to **Clallam CD**) to the above address. Orders must be received by February 17, 2012.

**TOTAL: \$**

*Note: \$25 minimum order*

## ENHANCE HABITAT WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Providing a sanctuary for wildlife can be as simple as retaining natural vegetation on your property or enhancing it by planting native plants. Native plants provide essential food and shelter that animals depend on for survival. Follow these principles to create a wildlife friendly landscape:

**Provide Food** – Planting native forbs, shrubs and trees is the easiest way to provide for the food needs of wildlife. Plants with berries, fruits and seeds will attract birds and those with nectar and pollen will attract butterflies, bees and other types of insects.



Red Elderberry



Thimbleberry

**Supply Water** – Wildlife need sources of water for many purposes, including drinking, bathing and reproduction.

**Create Cover** – Wildlife need places to hide in order to feel safe from people, predators and to raise their young. Thicket-forming shrubs and evergreens are ideal. Incorporate nesting boxes among native plants.

**Eliminate Invasive Species** – Control unwanted vegetation - it competes with native plants and typically only provides habitat for non-native or common wildlife species.

**Garden Green** – How you maintain your garden or landscape can have an important effect on the health of the soil, air, water and habitat for native wildlife. Composting, mulching, and reducing lawn area and chemical use in your yard are important steps to greener gardening.

There are hundreds of plants from which to choose, but when it comes to wildlife habitat, native plants are the surest and safest bet. Native flora is the foundation of our local ecosystems and what native fauna depend on most. The greater the variety of native plants, the greater the variety of wildlife species you are likely to attract to your garden.

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## FARM TOUR

**Wednesday, February 8 from 1:30 to 3:00pm**

**Learn how to create mud-free horse paddocks and keep your pastures in tip-top shape by attending a free tour of Mike & Judy Paty's horse facility in Sequim.**

In 2008 the Patys moved to their 3-acre property in Sequim and Judy began making plans to purchase a horse. The winter after Judy brought home a grey mare named Molly, she found that "in direct contradiction to the Sequim promotional brochure that states it hardly ever rains, Molly's winter paddock was a foot deep in mud." The mud and standing water made collecting manure impossible, so they contacted the Conservation District to get help developing a farm plan.



The horse is also confined in the paddock during the spring when lush grass could cause founder.



The native footing in the winter paddock became muddy during the winter. A smaller paddock was constructed using geotextile fabric and crushed rock to create a durable surface that allows for year-round manure collection.

Financial assistance through the Conservation District's cost-share program enabled them to install gutters and downspouts on their barn and install a graveled winter paddock. Now roof runoff water is directed to a dry well and the mud-free paddock allows for year-round manure collection.

**To register and receive directions for the farm tour call 360-452-1912 ext. 5 or email: [ccd-info@conservewa.net](mailto:ccd-info@conservewa.net)**

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If you are interested in becoming a newsletter sponsor, for \$50 per year your name or the name of your business will be printed four times in the sponsor section of the newsletter. For \$100 per year, your company business card will also be printed once a year.

The Conservation News is published quarterly and is currently reaching over 3,300 mailboxes and is available for review on our website. Your support will help us reach more people interested in getting involved in local conservation efforts.

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Joe Murray, Chair
- Ben Smith, Vice-Chair
- Don Hatler, Auditor
- Nash Huber, Member
- Ashley Merscher, Member

## DISTRICT STAFF

(360) 452-1912 ext. 5

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