

## **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 kicks off the celebration on March 22 and Earth Day wraps it up on April 22. This year's themes, Leveraging Water for Peace and Planet vs Plastics are reflected in the many activities the public are invited to participate in during Water to Earth Month.

"This year's Water to Earth Month highlights the importance of water in creating an equitable, prosperous, and stable future for us all, as well as the necessity of reducing the production of plastics to promote better human and environmental health," said Vanessa Craig, RDN Chair. "We invite residents to participate in some, or all, of these activities where we can learn about water ecosystems as well as actions each of us can take to help protect our shared water resources and the environment."

This year, over 16 events are planned during Water to Earth Month including:

- Earth Day Celebration Event
- Raingardens Presentation
- WellSmart Workshop
- SepticSmart Workshop
- Turtle Ambassador Program
- Vernal Seeps and Pools Presentation
- Earth Day Invasive Plant Work Party and Litter Clean-Up
- Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Marine Debris Survey
- Nanaimo River Watershed and Water Treatment Plant Tour
- BioBlitz at Milner Gardens including training and bird and plant ID
- 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 and The Brant Wildlife Festival to present these events. Other contributing organizations include Nanaimo Science, Nile Creek Hatchery, Beban Learning Gardens, Arrowsmith Naturalists, The Nature Trust of BC, local experts and more. 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 and links to register, visit the RDN Team WaterSmart Get Involved page at [getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart](https://getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart). Follow the RDN on [social media](#) for fun contests.

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