

Small Farm Resources

This factsheet is one of a series developed for livestock owners with small farms. Each factsheet focuses on an area of management that will benefit the health of your animals, as well as the health of your property's natural resources.



BMP Factsheet

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This Resource List provides some of the main local organizations to assist landowners with conservation choices.

Whatcom Conservation District (WCD)

6975 Hannegan Road, Lynden, WA 98264

Phone: (360) 354-2035 x 3

Email: wcd@whatcomcd.org

Website: www.whatcomcd.org

WCD offers Technical assistance, farm planning, workshops, tours, Native plant sale, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP is a stream restoration program that financially compensates landowners for planting trees along salmon bearing rivers and streams in Washington State. Restoration is installed by local professional contractors. Contact the WCD for more information and find out if your land is eligible.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

6975 Hannegan Road, Lynden, WA 98264. Phone: (360) 354-2035 x 3

Email: alexander.hall@wa.usda.gov

Website: www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov

NRCS staff provides technical assistance and federal cost-share programs. NRCS can also provide information related to soil, wetlands, water, and crops.

Best Management Practice (BMP) Factsheets

Livestock Confinement
Reducing Mud
Roof Runoff Structures
Filter Strips and Buffers
Manure Storage

Composting
Pasture Management
Fencing-Types and Costs
Farm Plan
Wetlands

Whatcom County Health Department

509 Girard Street, Bellingham WA 98225.

Phone: (360) 676-6724

Email: EnvironmentalHealth@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/health/

Staff can answer questions and provide technical assistance related to commercial composting methods and county regulations. The Health Dept. On-site Sewage System (OSS) Program has regulatory oversight for all on-site septic systems in Whatcom County.

WSU Whatcom County Extension

1000 N Forest Street, Suite 201, Bellingham WA 98225.

Phone: (360) 676-6736

Email: whatcom@wsu.edu

Website: www.whatcomwsu.edu

Office Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:30. WSU offers master gardener and composting classes, food preserving, pest, weed and crop information.

Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board Whatcom County Public Works

901 W. Smith Road, Bellingham, Washington 98226. Phone: (360) 676-67000 ext 50680

Email: Noxious_Weeds@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/weeds

Staff can answer questions and provide technical assistance regarding noxious weed identification and control.

Whatcom County Planning & Development

Services (PDS) 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. Phone: (360) 676-6907.

Email: pds@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website: www.whatcomcounty.us/pds/shorelines_critical_areas/

Check out website for information on the Whatcom County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). Livestock owners check out the Conservation Program on Agriculture Lands (Section 16.16.290 and Appendix A) and the Habitat Conservation Areas (Article 7) of the CAO.

Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association

(NSEA) 2445 East Bakerview Road, Bellingham, WA 98226. Phone: 360-715-0283 Email: info@n-sea.org Website: www.n-sea.org

NSEA works with Whatcom County landowners to improve salmon habitat. If you are interested in a restoration project on your own land or are interested in volunteering for work parties call NSEA.

Portage and Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection Districts

Whatcom County Water Resources, Stormwater Division. 2011 Young Street, Suite 201, Bellingham, WA 98225 Phone: (360) 715-7450. Email:

WaterResources@co.whatcom.wa.us

Website: www.whatcomshellfish.wsu.edu/Drayton

Whatcom County Marine Resources

Committee Whatcom County Public Works – Stormwater Division. 2011 Young Street, Suite 201, Bellingham, WA 98225 Phone: (360) 715-7450 Email: WaterResources@co.whatcom.wa.us Website: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/water

Washington State Department of Ecology

(DOE) Bellingham Field Office. 1440 - 10th Street, Suite 102, Bellingham (Fairhaven), WA 98225 Phone: (360) 715-5200

Website: www.ecy.wa.gov

Staff at the local office can assist with water rights information, water quality guidelines and other water quality/quantity information.

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Northwest Region. 6951 Hannegan Road Ste.

Ste. #10, Lynden, WA 98264. Phone: (360) 961-7412 Email: jpentzer@agr.wa.gov

Website: agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Livestock-Nutrient/Livestocknutrient.htm

Mission of Whatcom Conservation District

“To serve present and future generations of Whatcom County through a natural resource conservation program of leadership, partnership, and technical, educational, and financial assistance to foster a healthy, sustainable relationship, between people and the environment.”