

# Helping you care for our **land, water,** **soil, and wildlife.**



Hello Napa RCD Community!

As fall arrives, we're excited to continue our community projects. Join us for our first Saturday volunteer events—whether it's planting trees, collecting acorns, or tackling invasive species, there's an activity for everyone. And if Saturdays don't work for you, there are always other ways to get involved.

We're also thrilled to invite you to this year's Fire and Life Safety Day on October 12, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Fire Station #1. This fun, family-friendly will showcase the City of Napa Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), offer wildfire preparedness tips, create space to share your ideas for improving community resilience while connecting with local safety and sustainability organizations.

We look forward to seeing you there and throughout the season as we work together to strengthen our community. Stay tuned for more updates!

Until next time,  
**Napa RCD**



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# Celebrate 40 Years of California Coastal Cleanup Day!

Want to be part of something huge and celebrate 40 years of awesome volunteer action? Join us for California Coastal Cleanup Day and team up with hundreds of fellow Napa residents to make a big splash!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21, from 9am to 12pm. We'll have 17 fun-filled cleanup sites across the county, and Napa RCD volunteers will be there with all the tools and tips you need to stay safe and have a blast while we #KeepNapaClean.

Check out the sites and sign up at [www.NapaRCD.org/Cleanup2024](http://www.NapaRCD.org/Cleanup2024)

Got leadership skills and speak Spanish? We need a few amazing site captains to help us include everyone in this epic event!

Questions? Drop Ashley an email at [Ashley@NapaRCD.org](mailto:Ashley@NapaRCD.org) or give her a call at 707-690-3117.

Let's make this the best Coastal Cleanup Day ever—see you out there!

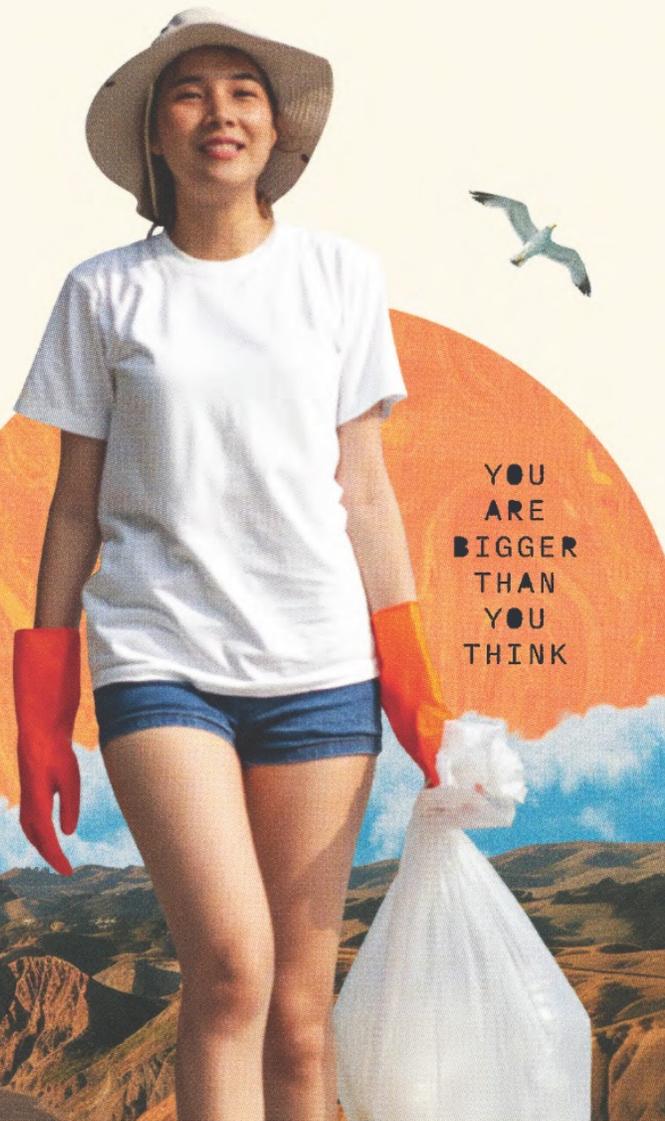
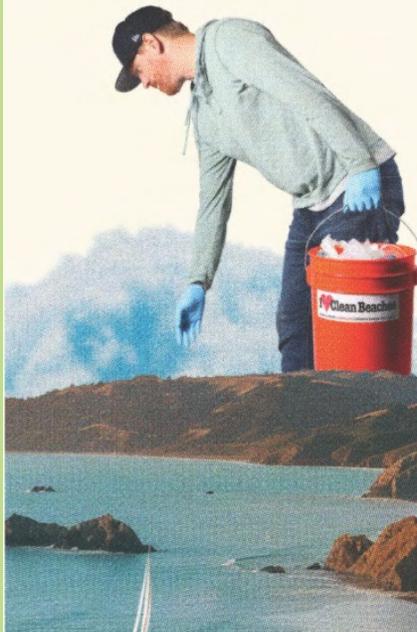


ANNIVERSARY  
California Coastal  
Cleanup Day

Save the Date!

Saturday, Sept 21

9am-12pm



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[NapaRCD.org/Cleanup2024](https://NapaRCD.org/Cleanup2024)

## Announcements



### First Saturday Volunteer Days

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for our standing volunteer event. From planting and caring for trees to collecting acorns, picking up trash, and managing invasive weeds, there are many ways to get involved. Each month will feature a new activity! If Saturdays don't fit your schedule, don't worry—there are plenty of other opportunities throughout the year to find a project that sparks your interest.

For more details, reach out to Ashley at [Ashley@NapaRCD.org](mailto:Ashley@NapaRCD.org) or **707-690-3117**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Ashley

**Prescribed Fire Training**  
with Napa, Solano, and Yolo PBAs

To support prescribed fire in the region, Napa, Solano, and Yolo PBAs have teamed up to offer virtual and in-person prescribed fire trainings. The introductory trainings will cover prescribed fire basics like:

local fuel type • burn windows • burn plans • fireline safety  
prescribed fire operations • talking weather • radio communications

Participants must attend **BOTH** virtual trainings (or watch recordings) and select one of the three field days offered. Folks are welcome to attend any in-person field day that fits their schedule regardless of county affiliation. All participants must register using the QR code or link below.

**Virtual Training #1:** Monday, August 19 from 8-9 PM via Zoom  
**Virtual Training #2:** Thursday, August 22 from 8-9 PM via Zoom  
**Napa PBA Field Day:** Saturday, August 24 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Napa, CA  
**Yolo PBA Field Day:** Saturday, September 7 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Esparto, CA  
**Solano PBA Field Day:** Saturday, September 21 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Vacaville, CA

**To register for the training visit:**  
[pba.org/napa](https://pba.org/napa) or [pba.org/solano](https://pba.org/solano) or scan the QR code below.



This will be helpful to visit these events.

For questions, please contact Bailey Adams at [adamsg@pba.org](mailto:adamsg@pba.org)

## Prescribed Fire Trainings

In August, the Napa Prescribed Burn Association partnered with neighbors Yolo PBA and Solano PBA to host a Firefighter Training series in each county. The training covers prescribed fire basics such as fire behavior, prescribed fire operations, and fireline safety. These virtual sessions are followed by an in-person field training with hands-on experience using prescribed fire equipment and practices. These trainings are a great opportunity to build knowledge, confidence, and community within our PBA groups, especially as we gear up for the upcoming burn seasons!

There are two more Firefighter Training in-person days on September 7 and 21 in Yolo and Solano counties. Join the fun and learn more about prescribed fire basics!

Learn More and Register

Stay updated on what's happening with the Napa PBA by signing up for our email list:

Sign Up



## Apply Now! Fall Teen Conservation Internship

Napa RCD is seeking three paid Teen Conservation Interns to work with us on restoration projects, volunteer event coordination, and outreach. This internship is available to students aged 16-19 and attending high school or an equivalent in Napa County.

The internship will run from October 9, 2024 through January 22, 2025, and will require after school and weekend work.

Learn More

**IS YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM READY FOR THE SEASON?**

**NAPA RCD IS OFFERING FREE VINEYARD IRRIGATION EVALUATION SERVICES**

GOOD WATER MANAGEMENT BEGINS WITH WELL-FUNCTIONING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS



**WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- 5-hr Distribution Uniformity (DU) Evaluation
- Evaluation report with recommendations for performance improvement of your irrigation system

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO SCHEDULE AN EVALUATION:**

Contact: Miguel Garcia, Sustainable Ag Program Manager  
[mgarcia@nrapcd.org](mailto:mgarcia@nrapcd.org) or 916-949-6172

\*Irrigator must be present for evaluation to assist with opening/closing valves.



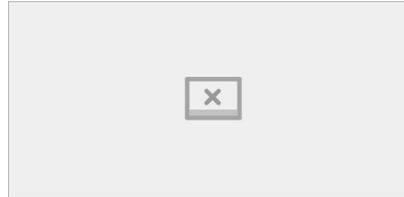
## Water Wisely: Enhance Your Vineyard with our Free Irrigation Evaluation Services!

Good water management in agriculture depends on an irrigation system that delivers water effectively, on a schedule that closely matches the needs of the plant, and on healthy soils that can effectively infiltrate and retain water.

Napa RCD provides free assistance with:

- Evaluation of the performance of irrigation systems
- Development of irrigation management plans
- Interpretation of data from soil moisture probes and water quality analysis
- Development of soil health management plans
- Interpretation of data from soil lab analysis
- Training in Spanish to farmworkers on topics related to soil health and irrigation water management.

Watch this short video to learn more about irrigation water management in vineyards, featuring Napa RCD's Sustainable Ag Program manager, Miguel Garcia.



For more information or to schedule an evaluation, contact Miguel Garcia at [miguel@naparcd.org](mailto:miguel@naparcd.org)

Contact Miguel

## Upcoming Events with Napa RCD



### 9/7 - First Saturday Volunteer Event: Oak Tree Care Day at Alston Park

Join us in our efforts to reforest Alston Park and help us protect young trees from the booming vole population on 9/7 from 9 AM - 11:30 AM. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants, and be ready for a small hike over the hill when we arrive. Once we reach the top, there will be a task available for folks of all ages and abilities.

Learn More



### 9/11 - Water-Wise Landscaping Workshop Series

Want to maintain and beautify your yard while saving water and money? Join us for the Fall 2024 Water-Wise Landscaping Workshop Series starting 9/11.

City of Napa Water is teaming up with Napa County Resource Conservation District and UC Master Gardeners to share resources for smarter lawn watering, drip irrigation, soil improvement, climate-appropriate plants, garden design, rainwater

harvesting, and greywater.

On four Wednesday evenings at the Pelusi Building in Napa's Kennedy Park (9/11, 9/18, 10/9, 10/16), hear from regional experts, ask questions, get helpful literature and water-saving tools, and perhaps come away with a valuable door prize! All workshops are free.

[Register Here](#)



## 9/17 - Oak Walk and Talk

Join Napa RCD and JoeJoe Clark from Land Trust of Napa County for an evening Walk and Talk all about Napa's native oak trees on 9/17 from 5- 6 PM. The group will discuss oak ecology and Napa RCD's oak planting program, including the upcoming annual acorn drive and community oak planting day.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



## 10/5 - First Saturday Volunteer Event: Tree Planting at Kennedy Park

October's First Saturday Volunteer Event will be with our friends and partners over at Napa Parks and Rec! We'll be down at Kennedy Park with the goal of getting 100 trees in the ground. The holes will be pre-dug, but we'll need your help to make sure the trees are set up for success! We have tasks and activities for all ages and abilities. If you're unsure if there's something for you and/or your family, please contact [Ashley@NapaRCD.org](mailto:Ashley@NapaRCD.org) for more information.

It takes a whole community to do this work, and we're so excited to do it with YOU!

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

## Your Input is Needed!

### City of Napa Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Join us at this year's annual Fire Life and Safety Day to learn more about the City of Napa Community Wildfire Protection Plan and plug into community resources!

This family-friendly event will offer opportunities to:

- Learn about the hazard and risk assessment that has been completed as a part of the CWPP development





## Join the 2025 class of Master Gardeners! Application deadline is 9/25.

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## Napa Valley Chapter, California Native Plant Society Sale

October 5-6

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## Beyond the Bin: Tour Day at Napa's Recycling and Composting Facility\* October 5

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## Napa Firewise Defensible Space Cost Share Program

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## The Napa County Fire Department (NCFD) provides a FREE chipping service to all residents who live in the unincorporated areas of Napa County.

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**Funds Available for Organic Transition**  
**\$10,000 ORGANIC TRANSITION GRANTS**

**Applications open:**  
**Cycle 1: July 8 - August 2, 2024**  
**Cycle 2: October 7 - November 1, 2024**

The CCOF Foundation is giving \$10,000 grants to farmers transitioning to organic practices. The grants are available to farmers who are currently growing organic products or have the intent to grow organic products in the next 12 months. The grants are available to farmers who are currently growing organic products or have the intent to grow organic products in the next 12 months.

**Applicant Eligibility**

- 1. Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- 2. Be a U.S. resident of the county where the farm is located.
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- 10. Be a U.S. resident of the county where the farm is located.

**How to Apply**

Visit [www.ccof.org](http://www.ccof.org) for more information and to apply for a grant.




The CCOF Foundation is giving \$10,000 grants to farmers transitioning to organic practices. The second cycle of applications will open October 7 - November 1, 2024.

Learn More

*\*Stop by and say hello to us at this event!*



Did you know we have a separate email list for our **volunteers**?

Join the E-List!

Help support Napa RCD  
**Donate Today!**



Stay Connected!





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