

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



**Hello Napa RCD Community,**

The sun is out and we've got a full month of exciting activities to get outside with Napa RCD ahead! Earth Day is just around the corner and it's the perfect time to make a difference. Join us for the Earth Day Napa 2025 Community Cleanup as we come together to create positive impact right here in our backyard.

This month's newsletter is packed with other exciting learning opportunities and events to connect with nature. Whether it's a virtual workshop, volunteer days, or outdoor adventures like the Ride the River Bike Tour, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out! Check out all the exciting happenings below, and let's make this month one to remember.

Until next time,  
**Napa RCD**



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## Announcements

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### Tickets on Sale for 2025 Climate-Friendly Garden Tour

The 2025 Climate-Friendly Garden Tour is coming up! Visit a selection of public and private gardens in Napa and Yountville, in partnership with City of Napa and the UC Master Gardeners.

Tickets are on sale now, and those bought before May 8 will be mailed directly to you. Tickets bought after May 8 will require pick up at Las Flores Community Center the morning of the tour.

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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:**

- 5-6 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@naparcad.org or 916-952-5172

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

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### Free Vineyard Irrigation Evaluations - Sign Up Today

Napa RCD is offering a free service to evaluate the distribution uniformity (DU) of your vineyard irrigation system. This test determines how evenly water is being applied across an irrigation block and throughout the vineyard. You will receive a custom report with the results from the evaluation and specific recommendations on how to improve the performance of your irrigation system.

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

Email Miguel



## Submit a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Project Today

The City of Napa is developing a CWPP, which provides communities, planners, and fire officials the resources to identify, plan for, and implement projects like vegetation management, structure hardening, outreach and education programs, and fund development for project implementation.

Submit a CWPP Project today and contribute to wildfire resilience efforts in Napa.

Learn More & Submit a Project

**Have questions?** Keep scrolling to read more about our CWPP Project Submission Virtual Office Hours!



## Call for Educators to Join Western Monarch Workshop

Napa RCD and School Garden Doctor are teaming up to offer a workshop focused on teaching about Western Monarchs to elementary grade students! This opportunity is perfect for **1st and 2nd grade educators** and will be held at Skyline Wilderness Park in the City of Napa. This workshop is slated for the spring, with dates TBD depending on educator interest.

Sign Up for Interest Form



## Napa RCD's Emerging Environmental Leaders Scholarship Opportunity

This scholarship celebrates the contributions of young leaders who partner with Napa RCD to care for the County's land, water, soil, wildlife, and community. As the go-to-hub for conservation in the County, Napa RCD is honored to recognize, activate, and empower the next generation of environmental stewards.

Applications are due by April 30, 2025.

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## What's Your Water Story? 10th Annual Napa County Water Conservation Video Contest

Water Conservation Programs of City of Calistoga, City of Napa, Town of Yountville, City of St. Helena, City of American Canyon, Napa RCD, and Napa Sanitation District are sponsoring a video contest for 9th - 12th grade students in Napa County. Share your story about why water matters to you and how it should be conserved!

Submissions are due by May 23, 2025.

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## River-Safe & Fish-Friendly Car Wash Season Is Back!

Hosting a Car Wash Fundraiser? Let us help you make it river-safe and fish-friendly! Our staff can provide free consultation services, including a site visit, tools, and materials to protect creeks and rivers from soaps, brake dust, and oils.

Contact Eric McKee, Education Project Manager, at [eric@naparcd.org](mailto:eric@naparcd.org) to get started!

Contact Eric

For tips on reducing car wash pollutants check out the link below.

Vehicle Maintenance  
Tips

## Program Spotlight



### Join the Effort: It's Time for the Earth Day Napa Community Cleanup

Last year **1,075 lbs of trash** were removed from local waterways at Napa RCD's Earth Day Cleanup. This year, Earth Day is here a little early, and we're celebrating with six cleanup sites throughout the City of Napa.

The Community Cleanup starts at 9am at each of our sites, and ends at 11:30am. Participants will work together to pick up trash (big and small), preventing it from making its way to our waterways and into the bellies of our local wildlife. You'll also have a chance to learn more about what gets sorted into what bin- landfill, recycling, or compost! And don't worry, the 11:30am finish will leave plenty of time for folks to head over to the Earth Day Napa Festival at the Oxbow Commons from 11am-4pm. The festival is presented by the **Environmental Education Coalition of Napa County** and includes educational booths, food, entertainment, and more!

Register for the Cleanup

## Upcoming Events with Napa RCD

**APRIL 5, 2025 SATURDAY**  
9:00 - 12:00 AM  
Wetlands Edge Glass Beach  
2 Eucalyptus Dr, American Canyon

**WETLANDS VOLUNTEER DAY**  
**ICE PLANT REMOVAL**

Help protect our wetlands!  
Volunteers are needed for an Invasive Plant Removal Day at Wetlands Edge Glass Beach. Kick off Earth Month and help improve plant and animal habitats.

Pre-registration is required please register at [acparks.org](http://acparks.org)

**Supplies Provided**

- Hand Tools
- Work Gloves
- Snacks

All participants will be asked to sign a waiver.  
ADHD volunteer services requirement eligible. Refreshments will be provided.

Register  
www.acparks.org

### 4/5: First Saturday Volunteer Day at Wetlands Edge Park

Participate in the Parks Foundation's first Invasive Ice Plant Removal at Wetlands Edge Glass Beach. Join Teen WILD volunteers, friends, family & neighbors to remove ice plants and create a healthy habitat for the existing native plants at Glass Beach. Gloves and snacks will be provided. Thirty total spots are available.

Please contact [Joy@acparks.org](mailto:Joy@acparks.org) with questions.

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CITY OF NAPA  
COMMUNITY WILDFIRE  
PROTECTION PLAN

**PROJECT SUBMITTAL OFFICE HOURS**

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 9, 2025  
11 AM-12:30 PM

VISIT  
[WWW.CITYOFNAPA.ORG/CWPP](http://WWW.CITYOFNAPA.ORG/CWPP)  
OR  
CLICK THE LINK IN THE DESCRIPTION TO JOIN

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### 4/9: CWPP Project Submittal Office Hours

Project submission forms for the CWPP are live! You can submit a CWPP Project today and contribute to wildfire resilience efforts in Napa - and we're here to help you through the process.

Join us for **CWPP Project Submittal Virtual Office Hours** on **4/9** from **11 AM-12:30 PM**. We'll be working through the project submission form right alongside you, and answering all of your CWPP project questions.

To join, click the link below to register, or reach out to [monique@naparcd.org](mailto:monique@naparcd.org) for more information.

Registration Link



## 4/12: Earth Day Napa Community Cleanup

Join us The Community Cleanup starts at 9am at each of our sites, and ends at 11:30am.your own bucket, gloves, and trash grabber if you have them, but we will have some to share at each site! Wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers, and bring a full water bottle. We will be done just in time to head to the **Earth Day Napa Festival** at the Oxbow Commons from 11am-4pm!

Learn More &  
Register



## 4/17: Tree of Heaven Invasive Plant Webinar

Join Napa RCD, Chip Bouril (Natural Resources Conservation Service) and Leif Bryant (Napa County Flood Control District) for a free online discussion on Tree of Heaven, a non-native species that poses significant threats to our well loved Napa County landscapes and agricultural efforts. Learn how to identify Tree of Heaven, the concerns it causes, and effective management & treatment methods.

Registration is preferred but not required.

Registration  
Link



## 4/26: French Broom Removal

Join us and our friends at City of Napa Parks and Rec for their fourth Saturday weed pulls! From now until April, meet on the fourth Saturday of each month and help pull invasive French broom at Westwood Hills Park.

To RSVP, contact Ranger Erin at [ecorona@cityofnapa.org](mailto:ecorona@cityofnapa.org)



## 4/26: Ride the River Bike Tour

Join us for a 7-mile bike ride along the Napa River from 9-11:30 AM to learn about some of the infrastructure and ecology around Napa. The eight stops along the tour will highlight water and wastewater infrastructure, wildlife, restoration projects, stormwater protection, flood control, and more! All ages and ability levels are welcome!

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# Tap into the Watershed



## Napa County Seed Library Annual Seed Swap April 5

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## Earth Day Napa 2025\* April 12

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## Tomato Plant Sale and Education Day April 12

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## CNPS Spring Plant Sale and Wildflower Show April 12- April 13

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## NVUSD Indian Education Cultural Event April 26

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## UC Agriculture & Natural Resources Biomass 101 Workshop and Field Day May 2 & 17

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Register now for the Biomass Workshop  
Series: Lecture 1 – Biomass 101  
Registration is FREE!

**About the Workshop:**  
This is the first lecture in a workshop series that includes three lectures and three field days taking place from April to October, covering topics on biomass research and utilization, innovative biomass and wood products, and biochar production and application. Each lecture will include guest speakers from the industry, government, nonprofits, and academia, and be supplemented by on-site field days with hands-on demonstration and field tours.

**What's Covered in Biomass 101:**  
Biomass – What is it and how is it defined?  
Biomass treatments – What are my options?  
Woody Biomass – What makes it special?  
Local and statewide efforts/projects – Hear from industry professionals to see what's going on in my region?  
Opportunities – What does this mean for my community?  
Treatment field days  
And more...

**Stay Tuned! More workshops are coming this Summer and Fall**

**SIGN UP NOW**  
To receive your spot, register by **April 23rd, 2025**. Use the QR code or click on the link.  
Agendas for the lectures and fielding will be sent via email after registration.  
For questions, contact [christina@ucanr.edu](mailto:christina@ucanr.edu).

**Date:** Lecture: May 21st 2025  
Field: May 27th, 2025  
**Time:** Lecture: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Field: 1:30 PM  
**Where to:**  
• University of California  
• Resource Conservation  
• Conservation Districts  
Lodi, California, CA




## Napa Bikefest\* May 4

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

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

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