

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



Hello Napa RCD Community,

It's OFFICIALLY summertime, but conservation doesn't take a vacation! We're excited to bring you **ROOTED IN ACTION WEEK** from **July 7-12**, in partnership with many local organizations and our friends at the City of Napa. We've got five amazing events planned within one whirlwind week, and we can't wait to share each and every one with all of you! Whether you're looking to reduce your food waste and stretch your dollars, get out on the water with Napa Valley Paddle to pick up some trash, grow some veggies on your apartment balcony, go on a movement-focused walk in Fuller Park, or fix your favorite thing and keep it out of the landfill at the Repair Fair, we're so excited to see you next week!

And that's not all! We've got plenty of ways for you to get involved in your watershed in other ways, too- just scroll on down and check it all out!

See you out there,  
**Napa RCD**



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## Announcements

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### Applications Open

Receive funding to treat wildfire hazards on your private property.



### North Bay Forest Improvement Program is Accepting Applications until July 25

Landowners, you can now apply to receive funding to treat wildfire hazards on your property.

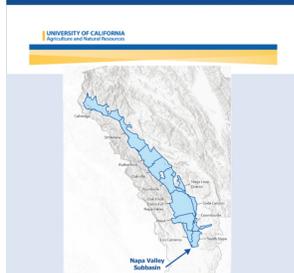
The North Bay Forest Improvement Program (NBFIP) is a collaborative, regional program that supports forest health and resilience across Lake, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma counties. The program provides financial incentives to landowners to conduct this critical work.

Applications are being accepted until July 25th.

This program is a partnership between Conservation Works, the Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) of Sonoma, Gold Ridge, Mendocino, and Napa, and Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC). Together, we are providing assistance to landowners across the four-county region.

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Applied Water Use in Vineyards: A Participatory Survey



### Community Science in Action- Your Irrigation Data Can Help Inform Hydrologic Models in Napa County

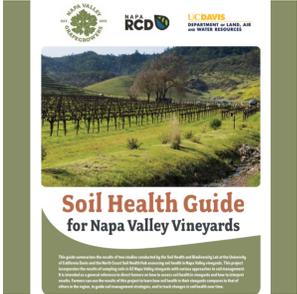
A major task of the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is understanding how much water is being used and how much is being replenished. A hydrologic model has been developed by the County to estimate total water use for agriculture, wineries, municipalities and domestic users. Vine water use in the model is estimated based on atmospheric demand and plant-based factors. We have an opportunity to refine the model by comparing the estimated water use to irrigation data provided by growers.

UC Cooperative Extension, in partnership with the Napa County Farm Bureau, is collecting irrigation data from vineyards within the GSA. The water usage survey will collect aggregated, real-world data from agricultural users about how much water is being applied

to vineyards. Your confidential responses will be used to ground-truth and refine the hydrologic model estimates, ensuring they reflect actual conditions and practices, and no identifying information is requested making your responses anonymous.

Please take a moment to review and complete the water usage survey by clicking below.

Take the Survey



### Research to Real Life Resources- A Soil Guide for Napa Valley Vineyards

The University of California Davis (UC Davis) Soil Health and Biodiversity Lab and the North Coast Soil Health Hub (NCSHH) conducted independent studies to assess the variability of soil health indicators across 62 vineyards (32 UC Davis, 30 NCSHH) of the Napa Valley AVA with the collaboration of wine grape growers.

A guide has been developed in partnership with UC Davis, Napa Resource Conservation District (RCD) and the Napa Valley Grapegrowers to assist growers in learning how to take and manage soil samples. The results from our joint study are detailed in the report “Soil Health Guide for Napa Valley Vineyards.

Read the Guide Here



### Agroforestry in Vineyards- Guides from the USDA Agroforestry Center

The USDA National Agroforestry Center has just released three new helpful documents for vineyards managers and owners:

- 1. Silvopasture in Vineyards
- 2. Windbreaks and Hedgerows in Vineyards
- 3. Alley Cropping in Vineyards

Each of these documents is a resource that can benefit vineyard managers and owners used alone or when used together. Check them out below!

Silvopasture in Vineyards

Windbreaks and Hedgerows in Vineyards

Alley Cropping in

## Program Spotlight



### Rooted in Action Week is Here! Are you Joining Us?

Napa RCD is partnering with the City of Napa and a variety of local organizations to bring you a weeklong series of engaging activities and discussions focused on zero-waste living and sustainability. Come learn how to breathe new life into old items or grow fresh, sustainable solutions using community resources—at little or no cost to you! Be sure to check out the Eat Green Waste Less campaign below and enter a raffle for each Napa RCD workshop you attend during Rooted in Action Week!

See below for the list of events, or click "Read More" for more information!

Read  
More

## Upcoming Events with Napa RCD



### 7/7: Stretch Your Scraps: Food Waste Reduction

Join CalFresh and Innovative Health Solutions for an interactive free workshop that will transform the way you think about leftovers! Discover how to turn food scraps into flavorful, healthy dishes, explore the benefits of induction cooking, and connect with the community at a beautiful local park. Whether you're a kitchen newbie or a home chef, you'll leave inspired to waste less and cook more creatively.

Register



### 7/9: Container Gardening in Small Spaces

Calling all apartment dwellers, patio gardeners, and sustainability seekers! Join the UC Master Gardeners to learn how to grow fruits, herbs, and veggies in small spaces. You'll get your hands dirty building your own container garden and walk away with practical tips to keep your plants thriving. No green thumb required—just bring your curiosity and love for the planet!



## 7/10: July's First Saturday Volunteer Event is Moved to THURSDAY July 10! It's a Kayak Cleanup with Napa Valley Paddle!

Thursday, July 10: LGBTQIA+ and Allies Kayak River Cleanup  
Location: Kennedy Park Boat Launch | Time: 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Paddle with pride and purpose! This special kayak clean-up is open to LGBTQIA+ individuals and allies who want to make a difference. We'll clean up litter along the Napa River and celebrate the richness of both our natural and human diversity. No kayak experience necessary—just a willingness to show up and care for our shared environment.

Special shout out to our friends at [Napa Valley Paddle](#) for being our partners in this endeavor- they're the ones providing **FREE** kayaks for our cleanup champions!

We can't wait to see you outside! Registration below!

Register



## 7/11: Comadres y Caminatas

Bring your friends, comfortable walking shoes, and get ready to connect with nature and community at this family friendly event. We'll be participating in movement activities and we'll have the opportunity to learn about climate plans shaping the City and County of Napa.

Register



## 7/12: Repair Fair

Got something broken? Don't toss it—fix it! At Napa's first-ever Repair Fair, bring your busted appliances, clothes, bikes, and more. Volunteer repair coaches will help bring your items back to life while showing you how to do it yourself. This is a free, community-powered event promoting sustainability, reuse, and skill-sharing.

[Want to volunteer your repair skills? Click here to sign up as a fixer.](#)

Register

## Eat Green & Waste Less Challenge

From May 19 to July 15, Napa County residents can take steps toward sustainability by completing 2 actions in the Eat Green & Waste Less category on the [Napa County Climate Challenge platform](#) to earn a raffle entry. Bonus entries can be earned by



attending the City of Napa and Napa RCD Rooted in Action Week workshops in July!

Prizes include gift cards to local businesses, eco-friendly to-go ware, and more!

Ready to make a difference AND win prizes? Sign up and start taking action at [napacountyclimatechallenge.org](http://napacountyclimatechallenge.org).

Questions on how to join? Email Carly Silverman at [carlys@bacommunities.org](mailto:carlys@bacommunities.org)

Sign Up for the Napa County Climate Challenge

## Tap into the Watershed



Día de la Familia\* July 20 | 1-3pm Napa Street  
(between Yajome & Main)

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!

Support Napa RCD and [Donate](#) Today!



**Stay Connected!**



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