

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



Hello Napa RCD Community,

As the warmer weather moves in and the sun makes more and more appearances, we've got a full month of exciting activities to get outside with Napa RCD ahead, and we'd love for you to be a part of it all! From the Earth Day Napa 2025 Community Cleanup and Festival to hands-on workshops, an upcoming Climate-Friendly Garden Tour, and jam-packed volunteer opportunities, there's something for everyone to enjoy and learn from together.

And that's not all—this month's newsletter edition highlights some fun developments taking place at Napa RCD, including the addition of 3 new Spring Teen Conservation Interns, updates from our program areas, and more. There's always something new sprouting up, so check it all out below and stay connected!

Until next time,
Napa RCD



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Announcements



Welcome to Napa RCD, Spring Teen Conservation Interns!

Napa RCD is excited to introduce Miles, Reggie, and Dante, our 2025 Spring Teen Conservation Interns! The Teen Conservation Internship empowers high school students to develop valuable career skills while leading environmental projects in their local communities. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome and check out the article linked below to learn more about what drew each intern to this work.

Intern
Bios

Do you have a Climate-Friendly Garden in Napa Valley?

We are looking for gardens that showcase:

- drought-tolerant and native plants
- compost and soil health practices
- rain gardens and/or rain barrels
- recycled material use
- a smart irrigation system
- veggie garden
- greywater use

presented by

for the 2025 Garden Tour on
Saturday, May 17, 2025

Call for Gardens for 2025 Climate-Friendly Garden Tour

Napa RCD, in partnership with the City of Napa Water Division and UCCE Master Gardeners, is planning the **2025 Climate-Friendly Garden Tour** in Napa and Yountville. Do you know a home garden, winery, or other commercial landscape that showcases **water-wise, sustainable gardening**?

We're looking for spaces that feature:

- Drought-tolerant & native plants
- Compost & mulch use
- Smart irrigation & rain catchment
- Organic food gardens
- Greywater systems & more!

We welcome gardens that are evolving, have works in progress, or showcase future plans. If you or a neighbor have a great space to share, let us know!

Please fill out the interest form at NapaRCD.org/GardenTour2025 or contact Ashley@NapaRCD.org for more details.

Learn More



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@naparcdd.org

Email Miguel



Take the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Survey

The City of Napa is developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The CWPP 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 to implement the work.

Learn More about the CWPP

If you live in or around the City of Napa, we need your help shape our wildfire protection efforts! Take the survey today and help us understand what projects and programs you'd like to see prioritized in the plan.



Take the Survey

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.

Learn More



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 to get started!

Contact Eric

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

Program Spotlight



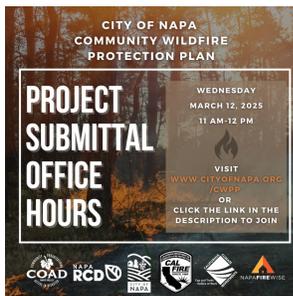
Napa RCD & the 2021 Healthy Soils Program: Three Years of Supporting Sustainable Farming Practices

For the past three years, Napa RCD has been working with the **California Department of Food and Agriculture's Healthy Soils Program (HSP)** to help local farmers adopt sustainable conservation management practices. The goals of the program are to sequester carbon, reduce emissions, and improve soil health by increasing its organic matter.

As the program enters its final month this March, we're reflecting on the progress of many of the sites that participated in the program. Napa RCD has supported 20 projects across Napa County, all focused on regenerative farming techniques. Check out the article below to learn more about the program and the process!

Read the
Article

Upcoming Events with Napa RCD



3/12: 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 **3/12** from **11 AM-12 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 for more information.

Registration
Link

3/12 & 14: Train the Trainer: Soil Health and Irrigation Assessment Workshops



**NAPA VALLEY
FARMWORKER
FOUNDATION**

Held in partnership with the **Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation**, these Train-the-Trainer classes will offer Napa County farmworkers an opportunity to learn the importance of maintaining proper soil health in vineyards and the role soil health plays in irrigation water management. The course is open to both beginner and intermediate students, and complimentary for Napa County farmworkers.

Learn More &
Register

Help our Native Plants Thrive!

Fourth Saturday French Broom
Volunteer Weed Pulls
Westwood Hills Park - 9am-12pm
Meet at the kiosk
Tools and training provided



January 25
February 22
March 22
April 26

Come prepared for all weather, uneven terrain, and a short hike up a steep hill. Once up the hill, we will have tasks for all ability levels.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL
ecorona@cityofnapa.org



3/22: Westwood Hills Park Volunteer Weed Pull

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



3/27: Grazing in Vineyards Workshop

Are you interested in integrating sheep into your vineyard management practices? Join Napa RCD, Community Alliance with Family Farmers, Ecdysis Foundation, Western SARE, UC Davis Agroecology Gaudin Lab, and Honig Vineyard and Winery for a free in-depth workshop on how grazing can benefit your operation!

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

We're teaming up to support the ACCPF Teen WILD Interns as they lead an Ice Plant Removal Workday! Ice plant is an invasive weed that is widespread throughout coastal areas of California, and the levees along Wetlands Edge Park are no exception. We will be working together to remove ice plant and reseed the area with native plant seeds collected from the area.

Learn More

4/12: Earth Day Napa 2025 Community Clean Up and Festival

Start the day with Napa RCD's **Earth Day Community Cleanup** from **9-11:30am** at sites all across Napa, then head to the Oxbow Commons for the Earth Day Napa Festival from



11am-4pm. Enjoy live entertainment, grab a bite to eat, and explore interactive booths from local agencies and nonprofits. Ride your bike to the festival and use the bike valet provided by the Napa Bike Coalition! Plus, your participation supports the **Environmental Education Coalition of Napa County's Bus Grant Program**. Stick around to hear the grand total of the morning's cleanup efforts announced by **Napa RCD's Spring Teen Conservation Interns**.

Community Cleanup Call for Site Captains

We are in search of four people or two community/school groups that would like to serve as Site Captains for this year's Community Cleanup event. Site Captains:

- Represent Napa RCD as the leaders of their group
- Welcome volunteers at project sites
- Organize cleanup materials
- Check liability waivers
- Sort trash from the cleanup with other volunteers
- Weigh, record, and report on how much waste was collected
- Help keep volunteers safe!

If this sounds like something you or your community or school group would like to participate in, please reach out to Ashley@NapaRCD.org or **707-690-3117** for more information.

Learn More

Tap into the Watershed



Napa Wildlife Rescue Open House March 8

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We Are Still Here: Cultural Practices of the Wappo People Library Program March 10

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North Coast Soil Hub Symposium*
March 12- April 3



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Green Screen Film Series: Unstitched March 16

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Irrigation Strategies for Your Low Water-Use Garden with UC Master Gardeners of Napa County March 29

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Xerces California Monarch and Pollinator Habitat Kits Accepting Proposals Deadline April 4

Learn More



Earth Day Napa 2025* April 12

Learn More

Tomato Plant Sale and Education Day April 12

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!

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Today!



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