

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



This Month's News

Program Spotlight

- Building Soil Health in Napa Vineyards

Announcements

- Climate-Friendly Garden Tour - Save the Date and Garden Recruitment
- North Bay Forest Improvement Program Applications Open 1/16
- Winegrape Vineyard Nitrogen Management Survey
- Join the Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee
- Rule of Trees Webinar Now Available Online

Upcoming Napa RCD Events

- 1/14 - Napa PBA Community Meeting
- 1/17 - Volunteer: Westwood Hills Invasive Plant Removal
- 1/17 - Napa PBA Pile Burn in Calistoga
- 1/19 - Volunteer: Tending to Trees on MLK Day of Service

Tap into the Watershed

- American Canyon Trails Community Program: Mammals
- Start Your Own Vegetable Seedlings with UC Master Gardeners
- Linda Falls Volunteer Work Party
- Film Screening: Western Monarch Butterflies: Protecting our Pollinators with Q&A to follow

Program Spotlight



Exploring Biochar and Compost Synergies: Building Soil Health in Napa Vineyards

Long before anyone used words like carbon sequestration, Indigenous farmers in the Amazon discovered how to turn poor, red clay into rich, black earth. These human-made soils were rich in stable carbon, teeming with microbial life, and capable of supporting crops year after year.

In 2021, with funding from the Western Sustainable Research and Education Program, a vineyard trial was launched at Beaulieu Vineyard in Rutherford to test a simple but important question: **Can biochar and compost improve soil health in Napa vineyards?**

[Read the Full Article](#)

Announcements



Mark Your Calendars! 2026 Climate-Friendly Garden Tour

The 2026 Climate-Friendly Garden Tour, co-hosted with City of Napa Water Division and UC Master Gardeners, will be held on Sunday, May 17, from 10am-4pm. We're recruiting Climate-Friendly front or back yards, apartment gardens, creative curb strips, food gardens, winery and other commercial landscapes to be featured.

[Learn More and Submit Your Garden](#)

Receive funding to treat wildfire hazards on your private property.



**Applications Open
January 16th**

North Bay Forest Improvement Program Applications Open 1/16-2/13

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 open 1/16-2/13.**

[Learn More and Apply](#)



Winegrape Vineyard Nitrogen Management Survey

The California State Water Resources Control Board is working on setting guidelines for nitrogen use in farming, including limits on how much nitrogen can be applied and requirements for reporting. To ensure these guidelines are based on actual farming practices, vineyard growers are asked to take a 15-minute survey about their current nitrogen management practices. Your answers will help shape future policies and make sure they fit the unique needs of North Coast farms.

[Take the Survey](#)



Join the Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee

Napa RCD is seeking members of the public who are interested in joining restoration efforts for the Huichica Creek Riparian and Salt Marsh Restoration Project.

[View the Application](#)



Rule of Trees - Napa Tree Ordinances and Codes Webinar Now Available Online

Ever wondered who's responsible for the trees along your walk home? Watch last month's webinar featuring Napa RCD and Napa Parks & Recreation during an evening dedicated to learning about tree ordinances and codes within the City of Napa.

[Watch the Webinar](#)

Upcoming Events with Napa RCD



1/14 - Napa Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) Community Meeting

Come connect with fellow community members who are passionate about prescribed fire! Ask questions, share ideas, and be part of the Napa PBA movement from 5:30-7:00 PM. Enjoy snacks, beverages, and a chance to learn from each other in a casual, welcoming environment. Registration is not required but appreciated.

Register



1/17 - Volunteer: Westwood Hills Invasive Plant Removal

Support local restoration efforts by Joining Napa RCD and the City of Napa for our Westwood Hills Park Invasive Plant Removal series from 9 AM-12 PM on January 17th.

Register



1/17 - Napa Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) Pile Burn in Calistoga

The Napa PBA will be assisting a landowner in Calistoga with pile burning on January 17th from 10 AM - 3 PM. All experience levels are welcome.

Register



1/19 - Volunteer: Tending to Trees on MLK Day of Service

Join Napa RCD and City of Napa Parks and Rec for our annual MLK Day of Service, where we unite with our community for a day of action and impact! We'll be continuing the ongoing ivy removal project along the River Trail from 9 AM-12 PM.

Register

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

Join the E-List!

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



Stay Connected!



Napa County Resource Conservation District | 707-252-4189 | NapaRCD.org

Napa County Resource Conservation District | 1303 Jefferson Street, Suite 500B | Napa, CA 94559 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!