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Snohomish County Hosting Earth Day Event to Encourage the Public to Remove Litter from Local Shorelines

Bring collected litter to five locations across the county to be sorted on April 22.

EVERETT, Wash., April 15, 2021 – In celebration of Earth Day, [Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee](#) (MRC) is hosting a [shoreline cleanup](#). Grab a bag and head out to pick up litter from a [local shoreline](#) any time before Earth Day, Thursday, April 22. Whether you choose a location along Puget Sound, a river or a lake, you will be helping to reduce the amount of plastic and other litter in Puget Sound. On Earth Day, bring the litter to a disposal and sorting location (listed below) to see what was diverted from local waters.

Shoreline Litter Disposal & Sorting Locations

- **When:** Volunteers will be on-site on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, from 2 - 6 p.m. to collect and sort litter from shoreline cleanup efforts.
- **Where:**
 - **Arlington:** [Twin Rivers County Park](#) – 8003 SR-530 NE, Arlington, WA 98223
 - **Edmonds:** [Esperance County Park](#) – 7830 224th SW, Edmonds, WA 98026
 - **Everett:** [Snohomish County Campus](#) – 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201
 - **Everett:** [McCollum County Park](#) – 600 128th St SE, Everett, WA 98206
 - **Monroe:** [Fairfield County Park](#) – 15532 Fryelands Blvd SE, Monroe, WA 98272
- **What:** On-site volunteers will sort the litter collected by the public at local beaches and shorelines to better understand how it affects our environment.

The MRC has created a [map](#) of suggested shoreline cleanup locations around the county. Note: the locations with a yellow icon on the map require paid parking.

The first 20 people to bring their collected litter to each of the five disposal locations will be given a two-to-three foot bare-root tree for planting. The native trees, donated by [Project SeaWolf Coastal Protection](#), are Red Alder and Black Cottonwood.

In keeping with county guidelines, masks are required, participants should practice social distancing, and there will be no congregating. It is recommended to wear gloves and sturdy footwear, leave large, hazardous, or natural items on the beach and don't disturb birds or other wildlife.

Special thanks to partners, Washington State University (WSU) Snohomish [Beach Watchers](#) and [Waste Warriors](#) for their support in this event.

Participants are encouraged to share photos and total pounds (if possible) of collected litter and use the hashtag #SnoCoCleanup2021 when sharing on social media.

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About the Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee

The Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is a service provided by Snohomish County Surface Water Management, a division of the Conservation and Natural Resources. The MRC's goal is to understand, protect, and restore the marine and estuarine ecosystems of the county. Local citizens appointed by County Council use science-based information to develop and implement projects and help shape local and regional marine conservation policy. MRC members work to complement ongoing efforts by both government and non-profit agencies. There are seven MRCs in the Northwest Straits region of the Puget Sound. For more information, visit www.snocomrc.org.

About Snohomish County Conservation and Natural Resources

The Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) includes the Division of Surface Water Management; the Division of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; the Office of Energy and Sustainability and the Office of Agriculture. DCNR works in support of thriving communities; a clean and healthy environment to foster environmental stewardship; ensuring food security; supporting a green economy, and strengthening communities by providing regional parks and infrastructure; protecting the region's water, air, land and natural habitats; enhancing agriculture and recreation; and reducing flooding. <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/5758>