



Waterfront and YOU

This workshop is designed for folks who live near a lake, river, stream, or Puget Sound. We'll map the local watershed and provide specific information for your neighborhood on sources of local pollution. We'll cover how actions in and around your home and yard can impact the health of our water and share many ways to protect your legacy of clean and healthy waterways for future generations.

Healthy Yard & Garden

This workshop focuses on guiding participants through the process of creating and maintaining a safe and healthy yard, no matter how large or small, for a healthier community. We'll provide specific ways to prevent pest and weed issues and help folks choose the safest products when problems arise. Includes information on choosing plants that thrive in local yards that are low-maintenance and adapted to our climate.

Septic Sense

Onsite septic systems can do a great job treating wastewater but only if they are properly maintained. Care and maintenance is everyone's responsibility! Learn simple, low-cost ways to prolong the life of your septic system and protect the health of your family and our community's drinking water. Workshop participants will receive \$10 coupon off their next septic pumping.

Go Green Natural Yard Care Program (online, self-paced)

This free, online training provides detailed information on how to create and care for a yard that's safer for your family and pets, our community's drinking water and local lakes, rivers, streams and Puget Sound. Topics such as eco-lawns, native plants, preventing weeds and pests, along with safer bug and weed controls are covered for every skill level and budget.

To request a free workshop for a group of 10 or more people, please contact the Healthy Homes & Yards program: healthyhomes@co.thurston.wa.us or call 360-867-2674. Workshops and materials can be offered in several languages.

We offer a free "Pesticide-Free Zone" yard sign to participants as part of these workshops for those who pledge to eliminate hazardous pest and weed control products in their yard care.





Create a Healthier Home

Learn simple, low-cost ways to prevent mold, improve the air you breathe, and create a healthy home for your kids, pets, and our community. We'll share information on how common household products can lead to problems with asthma and allergies. In this workshop you'll learn how to choose safer household products, safely store products, and dispose of unwanted hazardous products for free.

Protect Kids from Toxics

Children are extremely vulnerable to the hazards of common products used to clean and disinfect our homes, childcares, and schools. We'll cover the most common household concerns with a focus on how to prevent children's exposure and lower their risk for asthma, and other issues. Join us to learn how to choose the safest products for kids, pets, and our community.

Beyond Bleach: Protect Kids from Toxics Staff Training for Early Childhood Learning Centers

On-site training for childcare and early learning center staff where they can earn (1) STARS continuing education credit. We'll share information about common toxics and how they impact kids' health. Learn how to read cleaning product labels and choose the safest product for the job, safely dispose of unwanted household hazardous products, and use bleach safely to sanitize and disinfect surfaces. We'll share information about safer alternatives to bleach.

Parent Night Educational Sessions

On-site training for childcare and early learning centers' parent night programs that can be catered to your needs. We'll provide parents with information on easy and affordable ways to protect their children's health like how to choose safer household products, ways to improve indoor air quality, and how to prevent mold and moisture in the home.

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