



Discover great ways to increase your chore efficiency, reduce mud, compost manure and make your horse life more pleasant this winter. Check out the website, [www.HorsesforCleanWater.com](http://www.HorsesforCleanWater.com), for new events added regularly.

***IN APRIL:***

**PRESTON, WA**

**Wednesday, April 23rd**

**Natural Ways to Control Mud, Dust, Bugs & Weeds** – Reduce chemical use on your property while making it healthier for your horses, you & wildlife! Inviting wildlife to your farm & landscaping with native plants can have many wonderful benefits for horse owners including "natural" insect control, mud reduction, dust barriers, visual screens between neighbors, cooling of buildings, summer shade for horses & low-cost/low care landscaping. We will also cover environmentally sensitive ways to manage odors, useful water conservation tips and how to manage creeks or wetlands on horse properties. **Wednesday, April 23rd, 6:30 – 9pm, Preston Community Center, Preston, WA. FREE!** To register and receive directions contact the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581 ext. 122, or [paul.borne@kingcd.org](mailto:paul.borne@kingcd.org).

***IN MAY:***

**MAPLE VALLEY, WA**

**Saturday, May 3rd**

**FARM TOUR: Horses for Clean Water** Visit the working horse farm belonging to the director of Horses for Clean Water, Alayne Blickle, and her husband Matt Livengood in **Maple Valley, WA**. In addition to running an environmentally friendly horse farm, Alayne and Matt ride and show reining horses. Five acres is set up for 5+ horses with 2 riding arenas, grassy pastures, mudless paddocks, composting areas, garden, barn & shelters. An additional 5 acres is wooded with trails, creek & wetlands. The property is in the Public Benefit Rating System – property taxes are substantially lowered in exchange for keeping the property as open spaces. Learn how this farm coexists with a herd of 15 majestic elk and the concessions made to enjoy the “Northwest Trek” feeling. **Saturday May 3rd, 10am to noon. BONUS:** Come early to visit, check out barn sale items & learn about adjacent riding trails on state land. Stay later to see a reining demonstration by Matt (weather dependant.) To register and receive directions contact the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581 ext. 122, or [paul.borne@kingcd.org](mailto:paul.borne@kingcd.org).

**PLACERVILLE, CA**

**Saturday, May 17th**

**Livestock and Land Workshop: Managing Horses on Small Acreage** Join Alayne Blickle in El Dorado County, CA for this workshop on horse property management, **Saturday, May 17th, from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm**. Learn how to plan your site, including facilities design and layout. Find out about ways to reduce erosion, mud and dust. Hear how to compost manure and keep pastures green. \$20/household. 100 Forni Rd., **Placerville, CA**. For information or registration: 530-295-5630 or [sljanek@gmail.com](mailto:sljanek@gmail.com). Sponsored by: El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts, Department of Transportation Stormwater Management, and Ecology Action of Santa Cruz.

***IN JUNE:***

**KIRKLAND, WA**

**Saturday, June 14th**

**FARM TOUR: Urban Horse Property with a European Flair** This architect horse owner designed and retrofitted her small, urban house to become a comfortable horse property. Hear how she worked with neighbors and the community to blend in and ease concerns. See composting & manure management, paddocks, small grazing areas (formerly the back yard) and see trail access to Bridle Trails State Park. **Saturday, June 14th, 10 – noon, Kirkland, WA. FREE! BONUS:** Learn about the nearby equestrian park, Bridle Trails State Park and the club that supports it, the Lake Washington Saddle Club. To register and receive directions contact the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581 ext. 122, or [paul.borne@kingcd.org](mailto:paul.borne@kingcd.org).

***IN JULY:***

**OLYMPIA, WA** **Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**FARM TOUR: Managing small acreage pastures to increase production and reduce weeds** Join HCW at this small Olympia suburban farm and learn how to make your place healthier for your animals, more productive this growing season, less bothered by nuisance insects, AND more chore-efficient! This special farm tour will be held at an award-winning urban small farm with excellent pasture management techniques. See how rotational grazing can be used to actually improve your pastures and eliminate weeds. **Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9 pm.** FREE! Registration & directions, Sara Carter at 360-754-3588 & [scarter@thurstoncd.com](mailto:scarter@thurstoncd.com) or Karin Strelieff at 360-427-9436 & [karinls@masoncd.org](mailto:karinls@masoncd.org).

**RAVENSDALE, WA** **Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**FARM TOUR: Managing droughty pastures, outdoor washracks & innovations for small acreage horse properties** This exciting horse property is 3 acres of dynamic horse happenings! This property owner has the “internet bug” and has researched & come up with many innovative designs for chore efficiency and farm productivity. See self-coiling sprinkling systems, an on-demand portable water heater for the 3 season outdoor wash rack, a low-cost drivable dump cart for ease of stall cleaning, great ways to organize a small-space tack room – and many more cool ideas for horse’n around! Join HCW on a summer evening to discuss horses, horse pasture management, chore efficiency – and much more! **Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9 pm.** FREE! To register and receive directions contact the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581 ext. 122, or [paul.borne@kingcd.org](mailto:paul.borne@kingcd.org).

***IN AUGUST:***

**ENUMCLAW, WA** **Weekday evening TBD**  
**Understanding Forage, Hay & Equine Nutrition** Learn how pasture management and horse health come together in managing horse properties. See a demo of a hay probe you can borrow for free from the King Conservation District, hear from knowledgeable speakers on hay forage analysis, and learn from a veterinarian about pasture management and horse health. Get hands-on help on how to weave all this together! **Enumclaw, WA FREE! August Weekday evening TBD,** Details contact [Alayne@horsesforcleanwater.com](mailto:Alayne@horsesforcleanwater.com) or 425-432-6116.

***IN SEPTEMBER:***

**ISSAQUAH, WA** **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Farm Tour: Living Without Horse Pasture** This five acre two horse property faced lots of design challenges in it’s creation, including steep slopes, heavily wooded areas, wet areas and no suitable areas for conversion to pasture. In spite of challenges, the owners have woven together mudless paddocks, a lunging area, chore-efficient composting bins, and a charming, hand-built barn, along with copious flower gardens and vegetable beds all in a beautiful, manageable set up. Hear about creative pasturing arrangements done with a neighbor as well as local trails on Tiger Mountain. **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am to noon.** FREE! To register and receive directions contact the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581 ext. 122, or [paul.borne@kingcd.org](mailto:paul.borne@kingcd.org).

**OLYMPIA, WA** **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fencing Workshop** Fencing is a key tool for good pasture management. Come learn the whys & hows of horse fencing. Learn about the differences between power & electric fencing, as well as what makes a fence safe for horses. Work with fencing experts to build a short segment of fence and learn how to do on your property. **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 1 pm.** FREE! Registration & directions 360-427-9436 or [karinls@masoncd.org](mailto:karinls@masoncd.org).

***IN OCTOBER:***

**OLYMPIA, WA** **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fall in Place: Preparing Your Horse Farm for Winter** Join Horses for Clean Water on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 1pm** for a workshop on how to prepare your farm so it will be easier to care for this coming winter with less runoff, mud and manure. Learn techniques you can put in place now to improve horse health, make chores & horse life easier and improve

the health of the environment. **Olympia, WA.** FREE! Registration & directions - Karin Strelloff at 360-427-9436 ext. 22 or [karinls@masoncd.org](mailto:karinls@masoncd.org).

***IN NOVEMBER:***

**HOBART, WA .**

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Farm Tour: Managing Horse Property in Winter** Visit Hobart, WA, often referred to as the horse capitol of South King County, to see mud-free and chore-efficient management techniques in place on this new farm. This property owner recently moved into their new horse property, designed by the owners from the ground up. Hear why choices were made including gravel vs. sand paddocks. See a covered round pen. Learn about Paso Finos. Find out about Incinlot toilets – an environmentally-friendly option for barns without a septic system. BONUS: Pick up maps for trail riding on King County's Taylor Mountain Park. **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am to noon.** FREE! To register and receive directions contact the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581 ext. 122, or [paul.borne@kingcd.org](mailto:paul.borne@kingcd.org).