



Sustainable Landscaping Resources for Landscape Professionals

Recognition and Certification Programs

EnviroStars – Certifies landscape companies based on their practices and policies that demonstrate commitment to protecting the environment by properly managing and reducing hazardous materials and waste. EnviroStars provides certification, incentive, and recognition programs in Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skagit, Spokane, and Whatcom counties. www.envirostars.com

Washington State Certified Sustainable Landscape Professional – A new statewide program that trains and certifies landscape professionals in sustainable best practices. www.wsnla.org or www.walp.org

Oregon Tilth Organic Land Care Accreditation – Accreditation for landscape professionals on organic and sustainable landscaping practices as well as networking opportunities and a regional recognition program. <http://tilth.org/partners/organic-land-care-accreditation-program>

Salmon Safe – Certification program for corporate or university campuses, golf courses, parks, residential developments, and so on, throughout WA, OR, CA, and British Columbia that reduce stormwater runoff and non-point source pollution, helping to protect Pacific Northwest salmon watersheds. <http://www.salmonsafe.org/>

The Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES™) – Certification for sites such as open space, commercial, residential, and public and private campuses that promotes sustainable land development and management practices. www.sustainablesites.org

Pesticide Free Places – Database of pesticide-free and pesticide-reduced parks, arboretums, gardens and other outdoor areas in King County. If you work at a park or public place (i.e. school) and are pesticide free, get yourself some recognition! <http://www.hazwastehelp.org/pesticide-freeplaces>

Training Programs

Green Gardening Program – Annual workshops for nursery and landscape professionals on practical sustainable landscaping strategies, including pesticide reduction, integrated pest management, and water efficiency. http://www.seattle.gov/util/ForBusinesses/Landscapes/Integrated_Pest_Management/GreenGardeningProgram/index.htm

Stormwater Design and Installation Trainings – Various design and installation stormwater related trainings sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities and University of Washington Botanic Gardens on rain gardens, cisterns, green roofs, and other green stormwater infrastructure. <http://depts.washington.edu/uwbg/education/stormwater.shtml>

RainWise Rebate Program Contractor Trainings – Trainings for landscape contractors on how to install City of Seattle RainWise rebate-funded rain gardens and cisterns. Required for contractors who want to participate in Seattle's RainWise rebate program. <https://rainwise.seattle.gov/city/seattle/overview>

RainWise information for residents – www.seattle.gov/util/rainwise

Monetary Incentive Programs

King County Voucher Incentive Program – Businesses can receive a 50 percent cash reimbursement up to \$500 to manage hazardous waste or for certain equipment purchases, including tools for Integrated Pest Management. <http://www.lhwmp.org/home/BHW/voucher.aspx>

Landscape Professional Organizations

Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) <http://www.apldwa.org/>

International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) <http://www.isa-arbor.com/>

Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP) <http://www.walp.org/>

Coalition of Organic Landscape Professionals (COOL) <http://www.organiclandscapers.org/>

Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (WASLA) <http://www.wasla.org/>

Washington State Nursery & Landscape Association (WSNLA) <http://www.wsnla.org/>

Sustainable Landscaping Resources

Grow Smart Grow Safe – Online and printed guides to finding the least-hazardous lawn and garden products, managed by King County, Thurston County, and Portland, Oregon. <http://www.lhwmp.org/home/gsgs/>

Green Cities: Good Health – collected scientific studies on landscape benefits <http://depts.washington.edu/hhwb/>

Seattle Public Utilities– <http://www.seattle.gov/util/ForBusinesses/Landscapes/index.htm>

Sample Landscape Maintenance Plans and Maintenance Specifications

<http://www.seattle.gov/util/ForBusinesses/Landscapes/LandscapeMaintenancePlans/index.htm>

Soil Management: science background www.SoilsforSalmon.org for builders www.buildingsoil.org
Seattle requirements www.seattle.gov/DPD/Publications/CAM/cam531.pdf

Seattle's Green Stormwater Infrastructure Requirements

<http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/Projects/DrainageSystem/GreenStormwaterInfrastructure/index.htm>

Irrigation Tips and Rebates

<http://www.seattle.gov/util/ForBusinesses/Landscapes/IrrigationTipsRebates/index.htm>

IPM Fact Sheets

www.seattle.gov/util/proipm

Natural Yard Care information for residents

www.seattle.gov/util/services/yard

Seattle Green Factor code requirements for green landscape www.seattle.gov/dpd/GreenFactor

Stormwater Manual for Western Washington – 2012 detailed manual on the measures necessary to control the quantity and quality of stormwater produced by new development and redevelopment such that they comply with water quality standards and contribute to the protection of beneficial uses of the receiving waters. <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/wwstormwatermanual/2012draft/ExecutiveSummary.pdf>

The Garden Hotline– **Free hotline for home gardeners and landscape professionals** throughout Seattle and King County. Provides education on ways to reduce waste, conserve water and other natural resources and minimize the use of chemicals. The Garden Hotline also provides articles for local and regional newsletters, present workshops and seminars on natural yard care and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices, and research innovative management practices. help@gardenhotline.org or (206) 633-0224, Monday through Saturday 9am-5 pm. <http://www.gardenhotline.org/>