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Water to Earth Month Kicks off March 22 with Activities for All Ages

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is pleased to work with our regional partners to organize our sixth annual Water to Earth Month. This year's themes are Groundwater and Climate Change. World Water Day that kicks off the month on March 22 and Earth Day which wraps it up on April 22. Extreme heat, wildfires and floods in B.C. have brought more awareness to the topic of climate change and the impacts we are seeing in our own backyards. How we can lessen and adapt to these impacts are the focus of the Water to Earth Month events residents can take part in.

"Water to Earth Month is a fun, hands-on way for residents of all ages to learn more about the environment and how we can all help to protect it through simple changes and small actions," said Tyler Brown, RDN Chair.

Residents are encouraged to participate by registering for one of the scheduled events, visiting the RDN Team WaterSmart Get Involved [page](#) for online activities and following the RDN on [social media](#) for fun contests. Activities throughout the month include:

- Workshops on WaterSmart Gardening, Rainwater Management and Natural Landscaping for Climate Change Resilience.
- An educational walk with a local biologist and water expert along the Nanaimo River discussing water protection and streamside stewardship.
- A "Bio-Blitz" in your own backyard by tracking the plants and animals you see.
- A hosted invasive plant pull and litter clean up party, or organize one for your own community.
- Online contests where you can share how you are making a difference to conserve water or reduce the impacts of climate change on the RDN's social media channels for a chance to win some great prize packs.

The RDN thanks its regional partners including the City of Nanaimo, the Nanaimo Area Land Trust, Vancouver Island University, Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute and Mosaic Forest Management for their involvement and support. For a full list of events and activities, registration links and WaterSmart information, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart.

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