**Sustainable Landscaping Series at Brightwater Center**

When it comes to your yard, act naturally! King County is partnering with the Snohomish Conservation District to offer a series of four classes this winter all about creating a healthy, manageable landscape. These classes will be geared towards folks who are new to the concepts of sustainable landscaping practices. Classes are free to attend, and there will be giveaways as well! Join us for one or all of the classes at Brightwater Center.

**January 13 (10a.m.-12p.m.) – Jumpstart Your Yard: Tips for designing a sustainable landscape**

Thinking about transforming your yard this year? A well-planned landscape can do a lot for you, without requiring a lot in return. This introductory class will focus on effective yard design and give you examples of what *not* to do. Bring in photos or a map of your yard to get specific advice from the experts.

All participants will receive compost samples and discount coupons for the Snohomish Conservation District plant sale!

Register here: <https://jumpstartyouryard2018.eventbrite.com>

**February 3 (10a.m.-12p.m.) – The Foundation of Your Yard: The dirt on soil, compost, and mulch**

Healthy soil is the foundation of a successful landscape!  Join a soil scientist for a hands-on demonstration to learn the components of soil and how to make it work better for your landscape.  Have your soil tested prior to the class, or bring a soil sample with you to have it sent for analysis. If you bring test results, we will help you understand what they are saying about your soil. For information on soil testing visit: <http://www.betterground.org/dont-guess-soil-test/>

All participants that attend this class will receive discount coupons for the Snohomish Conservation District plant sale, and be able to scoop compost to take home!

Register here: <https://foundationofyouryard2018.eventbrite.com>

**February 17 (10a.m.-12p.m.) - Plant Right for Your Site: Selecting plants for functionality, aesthetics and wildlife**

Did you know you can plant a landscape that has visual interest year round, provides a home for wildlife, AND minimizes water, fertilizer and pesticide use? This class will provide information on choosing the best plants for your needs, and techniques for planting, composting, and mulching that will help your landscape thrive.

All participants will receive free plant starts and compost!

Register here: <https://plantrightforyoursite2018.eventbrite.com>

**March 3 (10a.m.-12p.m.) – Watering Wisely: Tips on managing water to reduce water use and runoff**

Watering your landscape effectively can save you valuable time and money! You will have healthy plants and avoid paying for water that runs into the storm drain. Yard care specialists will provide advice for getting the most out of every drop. You’ll learn about constructing rain gardens and installing rainwater catchment systems. To get you started, the Snohomish Conservation District will be selling rain barrels for $50.

Register here: <https://wateringwisely2018.eventbrite.com>