



# Thurston County

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EXTENSION

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES — JANUARY 2021



## WSU MASTER GARDENER/MASTER RECYCLER COMPOSTER PROGRAM

Do you have a plant eaten-up by bugs or showing signs of disease? Maybe you have a plant or weed you cannot identify? Wondering how to turn your yard waste into compost? Not sure if something can be recycled?

That's where the WSU Master Gardener and Master Recycler Composter volunteers of Thurston County can help. Our certified volunteers can answer your questions using the most accurate, unbiased, scientifically proven, local information and resources. This service is free to all Thurston County residents.

Email your gardening/composting or recycling question to [master@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:master@co.thurston.wa.us) or visit our website for more information.

## WATER RESOURCES — NATIVE PLANT SALVAGE

The program launched a multi-part training combining online live webinars, “watch-on-your-own” video modules, and a vast online resource library on the topic of “Naturescaping for Water & Wildlife.” The focus of the training is sustainable landscaping efforts that create wildlife habitat, prevent water pollution, and conserve water resources.

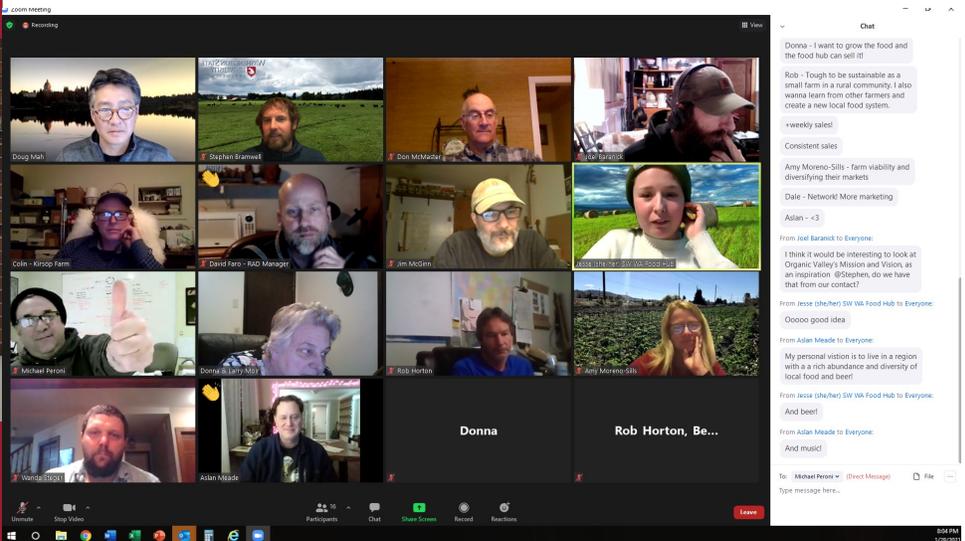


Because of the flexibility of the online format, the 150 registered participants can choose to keep up with a schedule to participate in the live webinars or catch up on the recorded events as they have time. The effort is supported by Thurston County and other Stream Team partners from Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater. The training started in January 2021 and will conclude in February, with an option for some participants to receive more personalized assistance with their sustainable landscaping plans in spring.



## SNAP-ED

SNAP-Ed continues the Garfield Elementary Meal Kit program, providing families all the ingredients needed to prepare a simple, healthy meal for the whole family. Trader Joe's donated bananas for our kits and Olympia Food Co-op is running a food drive to provide popular shelf-stable items for our families struggling during this difficult time.



## AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

WSU Agriculture program conducted two outreach sessions in January to recruit for the SW WA Food Hub. A workshop was held with 27 Value-Added Food Manufacturers with interest in selling through the Food Hub in mid-January, and 24 farmers with an interest in selling agricultural products through the Hub. The Food Hub is recruiting vendors with a special lowered rate of \$100 to join through February. Information is at: <https://swwafoodhub.com/>.