



Zero Waste Vashon (ZVV) is a non-profit organization and is 100% volunteer driven. Our goal is to inspire the Vashon and Maury Island communities to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink." by turning waste into resources.



Earth Day 2024

For Earth Day 2024 on April 22nd, EARTHDAY.ORG is unwavering in their commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of ALL plastics by 2040.

Our world needs transformation. It's time for the people of the world to hold governments and the private sector accountable for their role in our environmental crisis while also calling for bold, creative, and innovative solutions. This will require action at all levels, from business and private investment to city, state, and national government.

That's where you come in: as an individual, you yield real power for change through your influence as a consumer, a voter, and a community member. Don't underestimate your power. When your voice and actions are united with millions of others around the world, we can create an inclusive and impactful movement that is impossible to ignore.

This Earth Day and Year we can all help by:

[Sign the Global Plastics Treaty](#)

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[Stop plastics pollution](#)

[End Plastic Pollution](#)

[Consuming less](#)

[Simple Steps toward consuming less](#)

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[Promote climate and environmental literacy](#)

<https://www.earthday.org/campaign/climate-environmental-literacy/>

[Use the power of voting to bring about meaningful change](#)

[Vote Earth!](#)

For more information: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/>



Vashon Compost Facility Update

The project to establish a Community Compost Facility on Vashon continues to move forward. After committing funds in their December 2023 budget amendment, King County Solid Waste Division has assigned a capital projects manager to head up the effort. The County is seeking a third party operator to run the facility and will be working to release an RFP by this

July. Once selected, the operator will help the County select the firm that will design the facility. ZVV is pleased to be working with the County as a community stakeholder throughout the process.

April 7 - We're All Plastic People Now - Landtrust Bldg. 3 PM

April 20 - Dig Deep Earth Week Celebration 12:30-8 PM

April 22 - Earth Day

April 23 - Planet Soil at Vashon Theater 6 PM

April 27 - Electronics Recycling at Vashon HS 10-12 PM

May 7-8 - Give BIG!

May 5-11 - Compost Awareness Week

June 15 - ZWV Social at DIG Deep with Rumor Has It performing



We're All Plastic People Now

Plastic waste is more than just an eyesore or a garbage patch in our oceans. It is a looming threat to human health.

Please join Choose Plastic Free and Zero Waste Vashon for a free screening of the award-winning PBS documentary "We're All Plastic People Now".

This hard-hitting film investigates the growing body of research on the dangers posed by nanoplastics.

After the movie, Heather Trim of Zero Waste Washington will give us an update on state and national legislation addressing this important issue, and let us know how we can have an impact. We will also be sharing ideas and tips to avoid plastic exposure in our daily lives. Snacks will be served. Sunday, April 7. 3-5:00 at the Land Trust building.

Questions/Suggestions/Want to join our campaign? Reach us at CPF@zerowastevashon.org

Planet Soil

How do we learn to treat our soil more wisely? **Planet Soil** shows what needs to be done by focusing on the world around us and the fascinating world directly beneath our feet. In recent decades, people have been increasingly 'uprooted' from nature. As a result, many people feel a deep sense of loss and alienation. The film tells the story and development of a group of city dwellers who set out to realize a dream on a small piece of land, just outside the big city. Through the soil, the viewer learns how wondrous and ingenious underground life is. We learn to see that we just need to help the soil a little. This film puts us humans back on earth-we humans are not separate from nature-we are nature.



The role of soil in the fight towards a better climate is crucial. Soil contains more carbon than in vegetation (trees, oceans, plants and the atmosphere combined), so storing carbon in soil - and understanding how to protect it - are vital to the health of the global ecosystem, and therefore everyone on earth. We see a nature that is not only about struggle and *survival of the fittest*, but above all about *cooperation between micro-organisms*, between the micro and macro worlds and between humans and nature. The film shows, in amazing microphotography, how we need to give nature a hand in order to ultimately help ourselves.

ZWV sponsors this screening of the 2023 Documentary *PLANET SOIL* at the Vashon Theatre for Island GreenTech's Earth Week Movie Nite on April 23, 2024. The doors open at 5:30PM, film starts at 6PM with a discussion session after the film. This first run screening is free, donations gratefully accepted.



Earth Week Electronics Recycling Event

Celebrating Earth Day, ZWV's annual electronics recycling collection will take place on April 27, 2024 from 10am to 12pm at the High School. Enter via the east lot by the pool.

Accepted items: Computers, laptops, monitors, ink cartridges, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, printers, fax machines,

keyboards & mice, servers, routers, televisions, DVD & CD players, VCRs, audio components, radios, cellphones, telephones, cameras, electronic games and small electronics.

Place small items like loose ink cartridges, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, etc. in a bag for easy handling.

Not accepted:

No large rear screen projection TVs, no appliances except microwave ovens. No large commercial copiers, miscellaneous metal boxes, cabinets or devices. (Metals can be dropped off at the transfer station for free. Put them in the metals recycling dumpster.)

There is no charge except for CRT computer monitors and CRT TVs. All CRTs are \$10 per item. A CRT is an old-style monitor or TV with a picture tube inside.

Donations are gratefully accepted. They help support ZWV's continued work on island to divert waste from the landfill.

Would you like to volunteer for this popular event. It's just a few hours on Earth Day, Saturday morning. Sign up here:

[E-Cycle Volunteer Signup](#)

Why Buy When You Can Borrow?

Got a garden going in, or a party being planned? Do you want to try playing the violin or need to preserve some veggies? Vashon has a wonderful array of lending libraries. You can borrow almost anything from a weedeater to a wheelchair. Visit our website for a current listing of island lending libraries.



[Vashon Library Resources](#)

RIDWELL grows to over 500 subscribers on Vashon-Maury Island!

Ridwell had doubled its island subscribers for selected plastics, styrofoam, and other hard to recycle items in the last 9 months. You might have seen one of the 5 or so white vans in your neighborhood every other week. Friends can organize small co-ops and pool their materials with one pick-up subscriber to more affordably share the joy as you can see in this Ellisport example.



The Basic plan is \$14/month. Their Plastics Plus plan is \$18/month. This adds multilayer plastics. The unlimited plan costs \$24/month (two pick-ups) and that allows up to five 30 gal bags of each item [plastic film, multi-layer plastic, styrofoam (soft and hard), shoes/textiles, household batteries, household light bulbs, and a featured item].

Ridwell does a great job of explaining how and where the materials are recycled. Check out ridwell.com for more details.

A Vashon RE-Use facility?

Do you hate seeing nice cabinets, sinks, or lights down in the pit at the transfer station? Construction waste going into the landfill is a continuing issue that some islanders would like to see addressed. A ZWV committee has formed to investigate the problem and explore solutions. One idea is to start a reuse facility where good quality cabinets, lighting and plumbing fixtures, windows, etc. could be returned to good homes at low cost.



We've visited some great facilities and are the prospects are exciting but it can only happen with community support and help. We need a space to make it happen. If you have ideas or would like to get involved, let us know! Contact will.lockwood@zerowastevashon.org for more details.



GiveBIG! 2024

Thanks to the generosity of the community Zero Waste Vashon has been able to take on larger projects. We are making slow, but steady progress with the county in getting a compost facility on the island.

ZWV will continue its work on these projects as well as ongoing work with our schools and students to educate on waste reduction. Your donations are a big help with this work. We hope you can GiveBIG! Early giving for GiveBIG 2024 will kick off on April 23d and culminate in a 48-hour giving event on May 7-8!

[Donate To ZWV @ GiveBIG!](#)

Compost Awareness Week

Compost Awareness week is coming May 5-11. The theme this year is:

COMPOST... Nature's Climate Champion!

By recycling organics into compost and using it on our farmlands we create healthy soils that produce healthier food and higher yields. It also reduces the need for fertilizer and pesticides, improves water quality and conserves water, as well as stores carbon in soil - helping to reduce climate change. Compost not only helps the environment but also helps to decrease food shortages experienced around the world.



[International Compost Awareness Week](#)

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Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, and board members who contribute to the ongoing success of Zero Waste Vashon!

If you are interested in volunteering, getting involved, donating to ZWV, or simply have a question, let us know - we are here to help!



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