



Zero Waste Vashon (Z WV) 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 2025



Tuesday, April 22, 2025 is the 55th anniversary of Earth Day. We invite everyone to support Earth Day's 2025 theme: OUR POWER, OUR PLANET™.

There are many ways you can get involved and make a difference for our planet on Earth Day and every day. Join millions worldwide in Earth Day 2025 activities. Attend a local event or plan and register your own.

Act now — make smart energy choices for your family and demand rapid renewable energy deployment from your governments, industries, and businesses. <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2025>



King County Delays Compost Facility By Another Year

In an unexpected and extremely disappointing move, the King County Solid Waste Division (KCSWD) announced on Tuesday that it is delaying the start date for the Vashon Community Compost Facility Project by another year.

This means that the project will not even begin until March 2026 and will not be completed until 2030 at the earliest. This despite the fact that the King County Council approved \$3.1 million for the project in their 2025 budget. Zero Waste Vashon was not involved in any way with this decision.

Z WV has been active partners with KCSWD on this project since 2018, yet the County has made it extremely difficult to have any meaningful involvement in the project for the past year. The County has instead been moving forward

with a project to create a new collection area for organics at the Transfer Station. While this sounds promising, ZWV has several concerns we have not been given an opportunity to express. Among these are the location of the new collection area, potential impacts on neighbors, the costs of delay, and how it does or does not efficiently tie in with the future Compost facility.

We really need your help reaching out to the KCSWD and letting them know that you are unhappy with these endless delays.

The best way to do that is to email them at:

vashonorganics@kingcounty.gov

So many of us are looking for positive actions we can take to help the environment. Creating compost right here on Vashon is a great way we can all help use local resources to significantly reduce GHG and improve our soils. Please let the County know this matters to you, too.

ZWV has also reached out to King County Council Member Teresa Mosqueda for help with this matter. She has been very responsive and we appreciate and look forward to her support!

Upcoming Events

April 12 - Electronics Recycling Event at VHS from 10am to 12pm

April 22 - Earth Day

April 25-27 - KC Hazardous Wastemobile from 10am to 5pm

April 29 - Fabulous Furoshiki - Vashon Library 6pm to 7:30pm (sign up req)

May 4-10 - Compost Awareness Week

May 6-7 - Give BIG!

May 17 - Rotary Club's Beach cleanup Day from 9am to 5pm



Earth Week Electronics Recycling Event

Celebrating Earth Day, ZWV's annual electronics recycling collection will take place on April 12, 2025 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, CRT TVs and Plasma TVs. All CRT electronics 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](#)

Coming Soon! Vashon Dish Lending Library

A small group of Zero Waste Vashon volunteers are working to create the next version of the Vashon Dish Lending Library (formerly the No Trash Bash Stash). This long-time Island resource has allowed our community to reduce single use waste by borrowing reusable tableware for parties, gatherings and events.



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit has generously offered one of their outbuildings to be the new home of the Dish Library.

We've been working hard to get the space cleaned up and ready. Next steps are transferring, cleaning and organizing the dishes that have been stored in other locations.

Soon we'll have an online system where you can reserve the dishes, cutlery and glasses you need to make your next event virtually waste free!

This is all a big project, and we could really use some more **Volunteers!**

Please reach out to us at dishlibrary@zerowastevashon.org if you've got a couple of hours to contribute to this effort. We'll keep you updated as opportunities to help come up.

We're also looking for some critical items to help us organize the new Library;

Clear plastic tubs with lids in sizes ranging from shoebox size (~12"x 6"x4") to shallow under bed size (~29"x18"x6") to large

tubs (up to about 24"x14"x14")

Clean pillow cases

Please contact us at dishlibrary@zerowastevashon.org if you'd like to donate these items. We'd be happy to come pick them up!

Thank you so much for helping us give this great Island resource a new life!



The Fabulous Furoshiki: A New Twist on an Old Idea

Learn the traditional Japanese art of fabric wrapping at the Vashon Library on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, between 6:00PM – 7:30PM. It's wrapping that is beautiful and reusable.

In this hands-on workshop, learn the knots and techniques for gift wrapping and transporting items using this versatile cloth. All materials provided. The program is offered by the

Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle. Appropriate for ages 13 and older.

Registration required (8 spots remaining) [Register for event](#)

GiveBIG! 2025

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 2025 will kick off on April 22nd and culminate in a big, 48-hour giving event on May 6-7!

[Donate To ZWV @ GiveBIG!](#)

Compost Awareness Week

Compost Awareness week is coming May 4-10. The theme this year is: **Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost!**

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](#)

Vashon Island
Rotary
Club

EPIC VASHON BEACH CLEAN-UP

Join the **Vashon Rotary Club** for a global day of action! As part of Rotary's **EPIC Day of Service**, thousands worldwide will unite to make a difference. On **Vashon-Maury Island**, we're tackling beach pollution—and **we need your help!**

1 VOLUNTEER

2 DONATE

3 SPREAD THE WORD

Saturday
May 17, 2025



ROGUE BEACH TIRES!

Tires don't belong on our beaches! This year, we're launching a special mission to hunt down and remove rogue tires polluting our shores.



TRASH TO TREASURE!

We're providing reused woven feed bags for beach cleanups! Artist Addie Boswell will gather materials to create beach trash art.



STAGING LOCATIONS:

✓ Jensen Point (North Margin of Parking Lot) – Approved!

🚧 Dockton Park – Pending approval from King County Parks



Questions? Contact: Steve Bergman – sbergmanvashon@gmail.com

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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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