

Environmental Sustainability Workshops Winter & Spring 2015

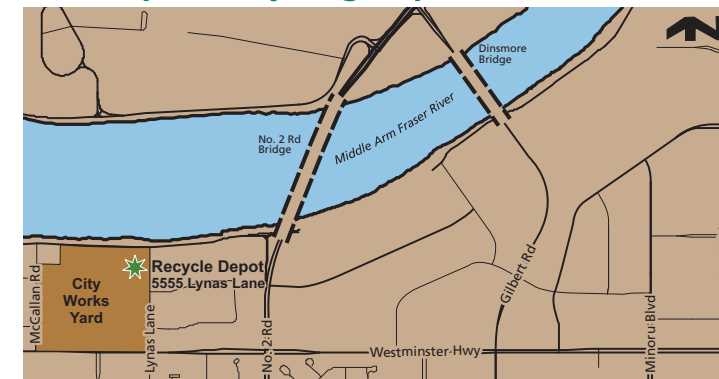


A series of workshops to look at ways to reduce pesticide use and create a more sustainable community are held from January to November. They are part of the City's pesticide risk reduction, sustainability, waste reduction and water conservation initiatives.

The workshops are free, however, registration is required. Please see next page for registration information.



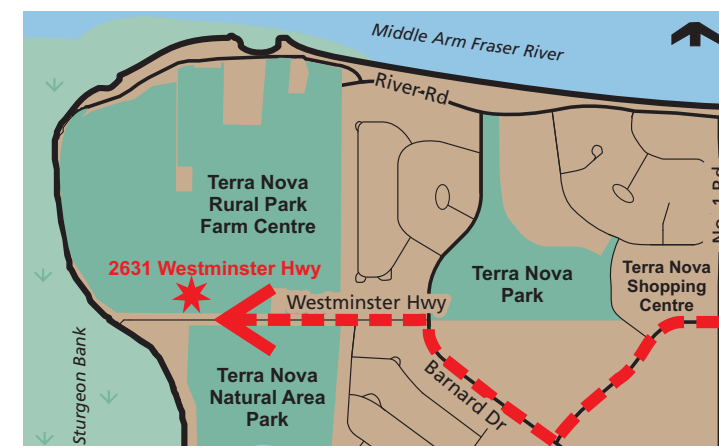
Site Map of Recycling Depot



Compost and Waterwise Demonstration Garden

The Compost Demonstration Garden and Waterwise Demonstration Garden are located at the Terra Nova Rural Park. Composting demonstration units and waterwise gardens are open for viewing year-round from dawn to dusk.

Directions to Terra Nova Rural Park Farm Centre



Pallet Compost Bin and Garden ^{NEW}

Learn how to 'upcycle' untreated wooden pallets into a compost bin that also doubles as a vertical garden. Class is held outdoors rain or shine. Registration required. Instructor: Ian Lai.

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminister Highway
Jun 7 Su 1:00-3:00pm Free 887359

Paper that Grows Flowers/Veggies ^{NEW}

Make unique and functional cards embedded with flower or vegetable seeds that simply need to be potted or planted to grow. Bring four wire hangers and nylon socks from home to build a screen. Registration required. Instructor: Emy Lai.

West Richmond Centre **13+yrs**
9180 No. 1 Road
Jun 6 Sa 10:00am-12:00pm .. Free 893964

Planning Your Garden & Starting Seeds

Plan for a great garden by learning how to germinate and start plants from seeds and create paper pots. Draw prizes. Registration required. Instructor: Linda Gilkeson.

West Richmond Community Centre **13+yrs**
9180 No. 1 Road
Mar 14 Sa 9:30am-11:00pm Free 912258

Preserving Fruits and Vegetables ^{NEW}

Learn how to dehydrate fruit, vegetables and herbs to save money and find out about equipment for cold and hot pack canning. Registration required. Instructor: Dr Linda Gilkeson.

Richmond Cultural Centre **13+yrs**
7700 Minoru Gate
May 30 Sa 1:00-3:00pm Free 843308

Pruning Stone Fruit and Fig Trees ^{NEW}

Learn to properly train and prune stone fruits, figs and persimmon trees to maximize bloom and fruit yields. Registration required. Instructor: Richard Hallman.

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminister Highway
Mar 28 Sa 10:00 am-12:30pm . Free 889008

Repurpose Old T-Shirts or Skirts ^{NEW}

Turn old clothing into a new top or crochet or arm knit items into a cowl or rug. Bring clothing items and good scissors to class. Registration required. Instructor: Emy Lai.

Richmond City Hall **13+yrs**
6911 No. 3 Road
Apr 8 W 6:30-8:30pm Free 843109

East Richmond Community Hall **13+yrs**
12360 Cambie Road
Jun 3 W 6:30-8:30pm Free 841668

The Seasonal Kitchen—Spring

Get ready to prepare local, delicious and nutritious in-season meals by learning which produce and food items are available during the summer growing season. Instructor: Ian Lai.

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminister Highway
Mar 21 Sa 1:00-3:00pm Free 896558
May 10 Su 1:00-3:00am Free 896608

The Seasonal Kitchen—Summer

Get ready to prepare local, delicious and nutritious in-season meals by learning which produce and food items are available during the summer growing season. Instructor: Ian Lai.

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminister Highway
Jun 21 Su 2:15-4:45pm Free 896658

Invasive Plants

Invasive plants are species that are not native to this region and tend to grow almost anywhere, spreading quickly through vines, seeds and roots.

To report an invasive plant on public property, please call 604-276-4316 or email invasiveplants@richmond.ca.

For questions about yard trimmings collection or drop-off, please call 604-276-4010 or email garbageandrecycling@richmond.ca.

Invasive Plants Disposal

Yard trimmings from single-family homes will be collected from bins that are 80 litres or smaller and marked with a Green Can decal. Do not place plastic or biodegradable bags in your Green Can.

Alternatively, the City Recycling Depot at 5555 Lynas Lane will accept one cubic yard per visit of yard trimmings without charge. Proof of residency is required.

Pesticide Risk Reduction

The City's Pesticide Use Control Bylaw restricts the use of non-essential, cosmetic pesticides on outdoor vegetation on private residential property and City-owned land.

For information on pesticide risk reduction, visit www.richmond.ca/pesticides.

Pesticides Disposal

The City's Recycling Depot accepts consumer pesticides that have both the poisonous symbol (skull and crossbones) and a Pest Control Product (PCP) number.

Registration Information

Registration starts December 3, 2014 and there are two ways to register:

1. Over the internet at www.richmond.ca/register.
2. Over the telephone at 604-276-4300 and press "2" at the prompt (Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5:30pm).

Cancellation

Contact the Registration Call Centre at 604-276-4300 and press "2".

Questions?

Contact 604-233-3318 or 604-276-4398 or email ESOutreach@richmond.ca.

Winter and Spring Tour

15th Annual Island City, By Bike Tour

A guided tour along the new Parkside Bikeway with a stop at the Garden City Bike Park. Pre-ride safety checks, refreshments and raffle prizes. 6-8 km route for 8+ years and 20-22 km route for 10+ years. Registration required. Info: Joan Caravan, phone 604-276-4035 or email transportation@richmond.ca.

South Arm Community Centre **8+yrs**
8880 Williams Road
Jun 14 Su 9:30am-2:30pm Free 770358

Winter and Spring Workshops

Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden

Learn about the variety of fruit and vegetable flowers and how to recognize common pollinators to attract them to gardens. Registration required. Instructor: Linda Gilkeson.

Thompson Community Centre **13+yrs**
5151 Granville Avenue
May 2 Sa 11:30am-1:00pm Free 895358

Backyard and Balcony/Patio Composting

Whether a novice or an experienced compost creator, learn how to effectively convert food and yard waste into an organic soil conditioner. Registration required. Instructor: Ian Lai.

Thompson Community Centre **13+yrs**
5151 Granville Avenue
Feb 22 Su 1:00-2:30pm Free 792608

Cambie Community Centre **13+yrs**
12800 Cambie Road
Apr 22 W 7:00-8:30pm Free 784358

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminster Highway
May 9 Sa 10:00-11:30am Free 791909

Backyard Bounty: Organic Harvest Year Round

Grow delicious fruits and vegetables with a minimal amount of work. Topics covered include soil preparation, composting, planting schedules and methods, cold protection and weed and pest control. Registration required. Instructor: Linda Gilkeson.

Richmond City Hall **13+yrs**
7700 Minoru Gate
Apr 11 Sa 9:30am-4:30pm Free 890608

Beautiful Gardens without Pesticides

Learn how to prevent pest problems and use non-toxic controls for insects, weed and diseases in food and flower gardens. Bring questions, samples or photos and get expert help. Registration required. Instructor: Linda Gilkeson.

Thompson Community Centre **13+yrs**
5151 Granville Avenue
May 2 Sa 9:30-11:00am Free 895309
Jun 13 Sa 9:30-11:00am Free 895309

Canning Fruits and Vegetables ^{NEW}

Learn three types of safe canning methods to save money and for delicious food all year round. Try three samples and take a full jar home. Registration required. Instructor: Darlene Tanaka.

Hamilton Community Centre **13+yrs**
5140 Smith Drive
Apr 11 Sa 1:00-3:00pm Free 865075

Closing the Loop, Reducing Waste ^{NEW}

Learn how to compost, grass cycle, conserve water and landscape with tree fruit and bushes for a circular economy garden. Registration required. Instructor: Dr. Linda Gilkeson.

Steveston Community Centre **13+yrs**
4111 Moncton Street
Apr 18 Sa 9:30-11:30am Free 890109

DIY Easter Gift Basket ^{NEW}

Make a holiday themed basket out of recyclable or old items brought from home including cereal boxes and old t-shirts. Other items provided. Registration required. Instructor: Denise Corcoran.

Richmond Arts Centre **13+yrs**
7700 Minoru Gate
Mar 8 Su 1:00-3:00pm Free 842559

Edible Wild-Spring

Walk the grounds with Chef Ian Lai harvesting shoots and other edible gems to add to recipes. Class runs rain or shine. Registration required. Instructor: Ian Lai.

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminster Highway
Mar 21 Sa 10:00am-12:00pm .. Free 896408
May 10 Su 10:00am-12:00pm .. Free 896458
Jun 21 Su 11:15am-1:45pm Free 896508

European Chafer Management & Healthy Lawns

This workshop will cover identification and life cycle of the European chafer, prevention and management and review best lawn care practices to have a lawn that resists and recovers quickly. Instructor: Linda Gilkeson.

West Richmond Community Centre **13+yrs**
9180 No. 1 Road
Mar 14 Sa 1:30-3:00pm Free 895958

Thompson Community Centre **13+yrs**
5151 Granville Avenue
May 2 Sa 1:30-3:00pm Free 947808
Jun 13 Sa 1:30-3:00pm Free 895408

Fermenting Food

Make and enjoy flavourful, healthy and nutritious, sauerkraut, kimchee, miso, tempeh and yogurt. Registration required. Instructor: Ian Lai.

Thompson Community Centre **13+yrs**
5151 Granville Avenue
May 16 Sa 9:00-11:00am Free 795658
May 16 Sa 11:30am-1:30pm Free 923708

Fresh Storage and Easy Freezing ^{NEW}

Reduce food waste by learning harvesting, storing and freezing techniques of a wide range of produce including onions, garlic, pears and kiwi. Registration required. Instructor: Dr Linda Gilkeson.

Richmond Cultural Centre **13+yrs**
7700 Minoru Gate
May 30 Sa 10:15am-12:15pm .. Free 842809

Steveston Community Centre **13+yrs**
4111 Moncton Street
Apr 18 Sa 1:00-3:00pm Free 892008

Garden Soil: Compost, Fertilizers and More

Essential for healthy and thriving plants, learn what nutrients are worth purchasing, what can be found for free and what a soil's pH level means. Draw prizes. Registration required. Instructor: Linda Gilkeson.

West Richmond Community Centre **13+yrs**
9180 No. 1 Road
Mar 14 Sa 11:30am-1:00pm Free 895908

Growing Fruit Trees in Containers ^{NEW}

Learn how to grow your favourite fruit tree right on your balcony. Discover the basics needs and requirements of growing a container orchard. Registration required. Instructor: Richard Hallman.

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminster Highway
Apr 18 Sa 10:00am-12:30pm .. Free 889258

Harvesting Compost

Learn simple harvesting techniques and how to use compost to increase the health of soil and plants. Bring along a small sample of finished compost to show the expert. Registration required. Instructor: Ian Lai.

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminster Highway
May 9 Sa 1:00-2:30pm Free 791808

Homemade Cleaners ^{NEW}

Be led by David Suzuki's Queen of Green in the making of homemade household cleaners that not only work well but save money and are less harmful to the environment. Bring two pickle glass jars and one sandwich plastic container. Registration required. Instructor: Lindsay Coulter.

Sea Island Community Centre **13+yrs**
7140 Miller Road
Jun 4 Th 6:30-8:30pm Free 843809

South Arm Community Centre **13+yrs**
8880 Williams Road
Apr 15 W 6:30-8:30pm Free 834510

Intensive Fruit Tree Training ^{NEW}

Learn the benefits and techniques to train fruit trees into Espalier, Fans, Cordons and other crop intensive and space-saving growing styles. Registration required. Instructor: Richard Hallman.

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminster Highway
Mar 28 Sa 1:30-4:00pm Free 889058

Next Winter's Harvest Starts Now! ^{NEW}

Learn what to plant now for a variety of vegetables to harvest all winter long.

Find out when and where to plant and various storage methods. Registration required. Instructor: L. Gilkeson

Thompson Community Centre **13+yrs**
5151 Granville Avenue
May 2 Sa 11:30am-1:00pm Free 895408

Organic Fruit Tree Pest Control ^{NEW}

Learn from an expert how to identify various pests and diseases that affect fruit trees in Richmond and how to control them using organic techniques. Registration required. Instructor: Richard Hallman.

Terra Nova Rural Park **13+yrs**
2631 Westminster Highway
Apr 18 Sa 1:00-4:00pm Free 889309

Do you know about the Compost Hotline?

If you would like information about how to compost, call the Compost Hotline at 604-736-2250.