



## **LANGLEY ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS SOCIETY**

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Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Langley Environmental Partners Society!

We look forward to creating a relationship with you that will meet your needs as well as ours.

Volunteering at LEPS is very rewarding because beyond the exercise and benefits of being outside you will have the opportunity to network with other community members that are specialists in their respective fields, meet new friends, laugh, and enjoy the sense of accomplishment that comes with a job well done!

We look forward to working with you,

The LEPS Team.

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### Volunteer Application Form

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name	Last Name
Address	City
Tel	E-mail

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please note the days and time you are available to volunteer:

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Morning						
Afternoon						

How frequently would you like to volunteer? (For example: 1shift/week, 1 shift/month)

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**Please note areas of interest: (check off the boxes that apply). Position descriptions and availability of the position are at the end of this application form.**

Education Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Events Team	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gung-'Hoe' Gardeners	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Quality Sampling Technician	<input type="checkbox"/>
Backyard Wildlife Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planting Team	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invasive Removal Plant Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Native Plant Nursery Team	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Wise Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fruit Tree Harvesters	<input type="checkbox"/>

How did you hear about LEPS? (please circle one)

Friend          Newspaper          Community event

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any specific skills/knowledge you will bring to LEPS.

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Why do you want to volunteer at LEPS?

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***\* This information will be kept confidential and only used to contact you for the purposes of volunteer and support opportunities, upcoming events, and other LEPS news.***

## LEPS Volunteer Position Descriptions

(This list is intended to be examples of volunteer opportunities and should NOT be considered comprehensive. Please note, some positions are seasonal)

- Position Title:** **Gung-'hoe' Gardeners (summer)**
- Description:** The Langley Demonstration Garden is a site for educating children, families, youth, and adults. Programs run in the spring and summer that teach environmentally friendly gardening practices and nature appreciation through workshops, day camps, public events and tours.
- Responsibilities and Activities:** Assist LEPS staff with the maintaining and enhancing the Langley Demonstration Garden through weeding, trimming, transplanting, raking, watering, creating and designing garden beds, composting green waste, and interacting with visitors answering or referring their questions to staff.
- Position Title:** **Education Assistant (all year) this position requires a Vulnerable Persons Check by the RCMP**
- Description:** LEPS staff work throughout the school year in elementary, middle, and high school classrooms presenting topics that vary from recycling to botany to aquatic benthic invertebrates. In the spring and summer, workshops and day camps are held at the Langley Demonstration Garden, Maples Discovery Gardens Co-op, the Murrayville Community Garden, and at farms in Langley.
- Responsibilities and Activities:** Volunteers can assist with organization of workshops and preparing materials. Volunteers may assist with class management, distribution of materials, and observing LEPS staff give presentations. Volunteers may also present workshops under the supervision of LEPS staff.
- Position Title:** **Community Events Team (spring, summer, and fall)**
- Description:** LEPS attends and presents many community events each year. The information and displays at the LEPS booth usually changes based on the type of event we attend; for example, at the Blackberry Bake-off LEPS will have several displays and activities that range from face painting to bee plinko to making greener cleaners while the displays may focus on healthy gardens, invasive species, or LEPS in general.
- Activities and Responsibilities:** Volunteers are expected to welcome people to the LEPS booth, assist with activities at the booth, and either answer questions or direct the public to a LEPS staff person. Volunteers are also invited to assist with development of activities for events and to update the existing LEPS displays.
- Position Title:** **Water Wise Team (spring and summer)**

**Description:** Each year the Township of Langley and LEPS partner to present the Water Wise program to educate residents of the Township about the importance of water conservation as well as the source of local water. Water Wise also raises awareness of sprinkling restrictions.

**Responsibilities and Activities:** Help LEPS staff spread the word in the Township of Langley with our door-to-door Water Wise Outreach Team about how to protect the quality and quantity of our local drinking water supply. Volunteers also assist with preparation of outreach materials (folding brochures, assembling packages to be delivered).

**Position Title** **Backyard Wildlife Monitor (all year)**

**Description:** Langley is experiencing growth at a rapid pace. The type and availability of habitat is also changing. LEPS' Wildlife Monitoring Program often feeds into larger online programs that raise awareness of urban wildlife habitat and urban wildlife populations.

**Responsibilities and Activities:** Volunteer monitors help observe wildlife at backyard feeders or observe wildlife in public spaces then contribute their observations to online databases. Volunteers are expected to either have experience identifying wildlife or to attend a training session in wildlife identification or volunteer at a bird count to enhance identification skills.

**Position Title:** **Planting Team (fall and spring)**

**Description:** Langley is experiencing growth at a rapid pace. The type and availability of habitat is also changing. LEPS' Wildlife Monitoring Program often feeds into larger online programs that raise awareness of urban wildlife habitat and urban wildlife populations.

**Responsibilities and Activities:** Volunteer monitors help observe wildlife at backyard feeders or observe wildlife in public spaces then contribute their observations to online databases. Volunteers are expected to either have experience identifying wildlife or to attend a training session in wildlife identification or volunteer at a bird count to enhance identification skills.

**Position Title:** **Native Plant Nursery Team (year round)**

**Description:** LEPS runs a native plant nursery near the Murrayville Community Garden. The nursery serves several purposes: it allows LEPS to store and organize plants for a short period when we do large plantings, it allows us to salvage native plants from development sites and harden off the plants before replanting them at restoration sites, we also hope

to use the site for educational purposes.

**Responsibilities and Activities:** Volunteers assist with care for the native plants in the nursery before they are planted out at restoration this includes working with LEPS staff to remove weeds from pots, repot plants when needed, assisting with organization of the nursery and plant identification and assisting with site clean-up and weeding beds.

**Position Title:** **Anti-Ivy League (year round)**

**Description:** An invasive species is a plant or animal living outside its normal habitat that displays aggressive and rapid growth. Left unchecked, invasive species will quickly out-compete native species and eventually become dominant, reducing habitat for local plants and animals.

**Responsibilities and Activities:** Volunteers will assist with the removal of invasive plants through use of small tools and manual labor while learning basic plant identification. All tools are provided. Volunteers are expected to wear appropriate footwear and dress appropriately for the weather as invasive removals occur rain or shine.

**Position Title:** **Fruit Tree Harvester (fall)**

**Description:** LEPS partners with the Langley Advance each year to match volunteer pickers with fruit tree donors so that excess fruit can be harvested and put to good use. The fruit harvested in this program is split three ways with one-third going to the home owner, one-third going to the food bank/community group in need/ and one-third going to the volunteer.

**Responsibilities and Activities:** Volunteers will assist with harvesting fruit from trees. This may include being required to climb a ladder and using a picking pole. Volunteers are expected to be punctual and be respectful of private property.

**Position Title:** **Water Sampling Technician (year round)**

**Description:** LEPS has been conducting tests to determine water quality in Langley's watersheds to create a database of information that will provide trends towards the health of our rivers and streams.

**Responsibilities and Activities:** All volunteers are required to attend a training session, to properly follow the instructions provided during the training session regarding proper water sampling techniques and equipment use, to return clean, organized equipment and to sign out and return equipment in a timely fashion. This volunteer opportunity is carried out by pairs of trained volunteers without direct staff supervision.