



# Langley Environmental Partners Society

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Greetings!

*Don't forget to eat your dandelions!*

*For the fourth year, LEPS is partnering with the Township of Langley to present the Grow Healthy, Grow Smart program. This year's program was kicked off with the Salmon Friendly Gardens Seminar in March, and continues to provide education about the environmental benefits of reducing the use of cosmetic pesticides throughout the spring and summer.*

*To learn more visit the Walnut Grove Community Center between April 30 and May 14, watch for us at community events, or visit [tol.ca/growhealthygrowsmart](http://tol.ca/growhealthygrowsmart).*

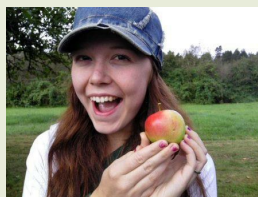
## Employment Opportunities at LEPS



If you are interested in working for a fantastic employer and increasing your knowledge about the environment, check out the employment opportunity below!

[Click here to learn more about the Youth and Community Coordinator positions.](#)

## Summer Youth Eco-Crew



We are looking for Langley students (both secondary and post secondary) with a passion for enhancing the environment.

The Eco-Crew spends 75% of their time outdoors working on restoration and enhancement projects and 25% of their time is spent on employability skills training.

[Click here to learn more about these four paid summer positions at LEPS.](#)



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## Volunteers Needed: Water Quality Testing



LEPS has been conducting tests to determine water quality in Langley's watersheds.

Most watersheds have 5 sites, each taking about 45 minutes to one hour to gather data.

Would you be interested in helping us gather data? Volunteers will be trained and all equipment will be provided. For more information email [water@leps.bc.ca](mailto:water@leps.bc.ca).

## Join the Water Wise Team



Do you want to make a difference in your community?

High school students are invited to help educate residents in the Township of Langley about the importance of drinking water and water conservation during May and

June. Gain practical work experience and obtain high school volunteer hours.

For more information email [water@leps.bc.ca](mailto:water@leps.bc.ca) or call 604-546-0345.

## Drinking Water Week Celebration



Join the Water Wise Team at the Langley Costco on May 3 from 11 am to 2 pm to kick off Drinking Water Week. Come learn about Langley Township's water conservation efforts, where your water comes from, and what you can do to help conserve our precious drinking water.

For more information email [water@leps.bc.ca](mailto:water@leps.bc.ca) or call 604-546-0345.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Members of the Aldergrove Community Garden are working on a community patio area and the patio stones are expected to be laid on May 10- but they need help getting the stones put into place. If you are able to assist, email [stewardship@leps.bc.ca](mailto:stewardship@leps.bc.ca) for more information.

## Seedy Sunday



May 11 from noon to 3 pm, celebrate Mother's Day with high tea at the [NEW Langley Demonstration Garden](#) opening event: our first Seedy Sunday! Featuring: guest speakers, a Seed Saving workshop at 1 pm, a seed swap, the Kwantlen Seed Library, a kids craft corner, exhibits and community displays.

This event is rain or shine with lots of covered area to provide shade as well as rain cover! For more information visit [www.leps.bc.ca](http://www.leps.bc.ca).

## Langley Watershed Photo Contest



Which watershed do you live in?

Get outside this spring and experience what your watershed has to offer! Submit photos of wildlife, landscapes, or you in your watershed for a chance to win a LEPS swag bag and have your

photo published on the new LEPS website!

Submit your photos by sharing them with LEPS on Facebook or email [outreach@leps.bc.ca](mailto:outreach@leps.bc.ca) with reference to the contest. Only 3 photos per person. Please include which watershed you have captured. All submitted photos must either be your own work, or submitted with consent. All photos will become the property of LEPS once submitted.

Contest closes May 15 at 4 pm with a winner announced on May 22, 2014.

## Canning Workshop



Join LEPS staff from 5 to 7:30 pm at the Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Center on May 21 for a hands-on, "how-to" home canning workshop.

Learn current standards for home canning and experience this art with a group of peers in a fun atmosphere!

Cost is a sliding scale from \$5 to \$40. Register soon as possible, because space is limited! Email [outreach@leps.bc.ca](mailto:outreach@leps.bc.ca) for more information and to register.

*Thank-you to our sponsor: United Way of the Lower Mainland.*

## Backyard Composting



Learn how to make black gold in your backyard on May 22 from 7 to 8 pm at the [NEW Langley Demonstration Garden](#). In this workshop learn what type of composting is a good fit for your needs and how to quickly turn yard trimmings and fruit and vegetables scraps into rich, organic fertilizer.

RSVP at least one week in advance by emailing [garden@leps.bc.ca](mailto:garden@leps.bc.ca) or call 604-546-0344.

## Training Fruit Trees to Produce More Fruit



May 26 from 7 to 9 pm, learn how fruit trees grow and how to direct new growth to produce bigger crops in future years at the [NEW Langley Demonstration Garden](#).

Discussion will include training of espalier and similar tree forms, fruit thinning of apples and pears, and non-chemical barriers to prevent Codling Moth and Apple Maggot

infestations.

RSVP at least one week in advance to: [garden@leps.bc.ca](mailto:garden@leps.bc.ca) or call 604-546-0344.

## Private Well and Septic Seminars



Protect your investment! Learn about proper private well and septic tank maintenance from Dean Scovill, a former employee of Fraser Health now working for a large municipal water

operation. Both seminars will be held upstairs in the Murrayville Fire Hall, 22170 50 Avenue, Langley.

Private Well Seminar: May 29 from 7 to 9 pm

Septic Tank Seminar: June 5 from 7 to 9 pm

For more information or to RSVP email [water@leps.bc.ca](mailto:water@leps.bc.ca) or call 604-546-0345.

## Picnic in the Park



Bring along a picnic dinner and join us for an evening of garden tours and fun activities for the whole family at the [NEW Langley Demonstration Garden](#) on May 29 from 5 to 7 pm.

Some BBQ and snacks will be available by donation.

## Spring Bird Count



The Glen Valley Watersheds Society would like to invite you to their annual Spring Bird Count on May 30 starting at 6 am (that's sleeping in for birders!). This invitation is open to all levels, from beginners to experienced. The count will start at

Poplar Bar which is at the end of Lefeuvre Road at River Road. The day ends at about noon with a potluck lunch at Poplar Bar.

For more information or to RSVP email [stewardship@leps.bc.ca](mailto:stewardship@leps.bc.ca).

## Backyard Bounty Workshop



Have you always wanted to grow your own produce, but weren't sure where to begin? This workshop for beginners will guide you through decisions such as what to grow, when to plant it, and what to do with the harvest.

Drop in, May 31 from 10 to 11 am at Cedar Rim Nursery located at 7024 Glover Road.

*By supporting LEPS and our various programs and partners, you will be contributing to practical and cooperative solutions to environmental issues in Langley and beyond.*

***Sincerely,***

*Langley Environmental Partners Society*