



The Chore Efficient Horse Farm

"Fish House Ranch"

Wednesday, July 18th, 2007

6:30pm to 8:30pm

- ★ Amy & Martin Adair ~ horse farm owners ★
- ★ Marcie Hagen ~ King Conservation District ★
- ★ Ann Marie Magnochi ~ King Conservation District ★
- ★ Alayne Blickle ~ Horses for Clean Water ★

AGENDA

Introductions ~ Alayne

Goals for event, resources, agencies & speakers
Overview of environmentally sensitive horse keeping

History of property & horses ~ Amy

History of land; siting & layout considerations for facilities; designing barn;
Dealing with steep slopes; King County Parks trails

Barn & facilities layout for chore efficiency ~ Amy

Barn, stalls, paddocks & footing, traffic patterns
Gutters, downspouts drainage

Manure management ~ Amy

Picking up manure, compost bins,
Spreading compost

The challenges of small pastures ~ Amy

How to do a soil test, compacted soil & other ways of improving small pastures
Equipment sharing & winter management

Closing ~ Alayne

A healthy place for horses, people & environment
Resources & future events

King County Resources for Horse Owners:

- King Conservation District, 425-277-5581 farm plans, technical assistance (answers questions, provides educational handouts), quarterly newsletter, tree sale, stream restoration projects, stream & wetlands fencing projects
- WSU Cooperative Extension King County, 206-205-3100 technical assistance (answers questions), education & classes, (Livestock Advisors, Master Gardener), educational handouts, newsletters, 4-H programs
- King County Noxious Weed Control Program, 206-296-0290 answers questions, provides handouts on ID & control methods, identifies plants & problem areas
- King County Livestock Programs, 206-263-6566 provides cost sharing for farm plan implementation.
- King County Solid Waste Division, Compost Hotline, 206-296-4466 technical assistance (answers questions), Master Recycler Composter training
- King County Office of Open Spaces, 206-296-7800 Public Benefit Rating System -- property tax reduction program
- King County Forestry Programs, technical assistance (KC DNR) 206-296-7821 or 296-7820; forestry/clearing/permits (KC DDES) 206-296-7166

Horses for Clean Water -- Offers educational materials, courses & individual consultations on ways to care for and manage your horse and horse facilities with an emphasis on environmentally friendly techniques. To receive the free monthly e-news, The Green Horse, or to be on listserv for future educational events, visit www.HorsesforCleanWater.com or email Alayne@horsesforcleanwater.com.

Join the King Conservation District at these upcoming FREE, educational events to discover great ways to manage manure, banish mud, get rid of weeds and grow more grass!

FALL CITY, WA

September 22nd

Living Without Horse Pasture This 6 acre mini-farm had lots of challenges in the horse pasture department -- rocks, no topsoil, lots of big trees. Not having much pasture led to creative thinking & alternatives. **Tour this property** to see good use of turn-out areas, mud-free paddocks, different footing choices, a large all-season riding arena, attractive wood fences -- plus ducks, chickens & goats, fruit trees & garden. Saturday, September 22nd, 10am to noon. FREE! To register and receive directions contact the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581, ext. 125 or Roseanne.Campagna@kingcd.org.

ISSAQUAH, WA

Workshops for Horse & Small Farm Owners Hands-on workshops on livestock management practices. See a variety of options & work with technicians to discover ways you can have less mud, have better pastures, manage manure, and protect water quality on your property. **Issaquah, WA. Thursday evenings, Oct 18, 25, Nov 1 & 8; 6:30-9pm**, FREE! To register and receive directions contact the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581 ext. 122 or paul.borne@kingcd.org.

FALL CITY, WA

November 17th

Preparing Your Horse Farm for Winter This large-scale reining horse breeding operation is beautifully set-up and managed. **Tour this 20-horse facility** with the owners to hear & see how they designed & built it from the ground up. Learn what works for chore efficiency and what doesn't. See winter pasture management techniques in place, tour a covered arena which doubles as turnout, hear about dust control, see gates designed for tractor access, and learn about green alder shavings which composts beautifully in their cement compost bins. **Saturday, November 17th, 10am to noon**. FREE! To register and receive directions contact the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581, ext. 125 or Roseanne.Campagna@kingcd.org.