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District of Summerland 2025 Earth Week Events

SUMMERLAND – The District of Summerland is encouraging residents to come out and participate in the 16th Annual Earth Week celebrations, which runs from April 22-27. This year's theme is '*YOU can make a difference!*,' which recognizes the individual actions that can be taken by residents to make a difference in their lifestyle or community while being sustainable.

Summerland has celebrated Earth Day since 2007, when members of the Summerland Environmental Science Group (SESG) coordinated a community tree-planting event along Centennial Trail. In 2010, the celebration became 'Earth Week' with the whole community engaged in a week-long set of events and activities.

2025 Earth Week Free Events include:

- Saturday, April 19 - Recycling Depot at the Summerland Arena (8 AM-3 PM).
- April 22 and 24 - Earth Day Canada will be running a virtual workshop on each day, one about sustainable food, and the other money saving tips with the planet in mind. It is a virtual event that will have an in-person option at the Summerland Library. **Registration is required!**
- Saturday April 26 - A regional Heat Pump Retrofit Workshop is being hosted at the Penticton Public Library. Event starts at 9:30 am and runs to 12 noon, coffee and snacks provided. Attendees will hear from residents, installers and local government about heat pump retrofits and personal experiences retrofitting homes. **Registration is encouraged!**
- Sunday April 27 - The 19th Annual Earth Day Community Planting event and Earth Week Fair at Memorial Park by the stairs starting at 10 am. Come join us to plant native species along the steep slopes and visit some of the local organizations and businesses at the fair.

The District of Summerland is partnering with the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS) to host the 19th Annual Earth Day Community Planting Celebration. The plantings will take place at Memorial Park, expanding the planting area started in 2024.

"We are excited to see the transformation at Memorial Park, with the removal of invasive trees and now a second year of planting indigenous species. We are so appreciative of community members helping to ensure the continued well-being of our community," stated Lisa Scott, Executive Director of OASISS.

Community members are invited to join in to help with the planting of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses. The Summerland Fire Department will assist with plant watering. In addition to planting, a community fair will take place from 10 am to 1 pm, with family oriented games. Bring the kids and family to help revitalize Memorial Park.

Let's invest in our planet and help increase insect and bird diversity. Volunteers are asked to bring their own shovels, rakes, and reusable water bottle. Free gardening gloves will be provided to volunteers on behalf of OASISS. Enjoy getting your hands dirty for a good cause!

For more details on the Earth Week events and registration, please visit:

www.summerland.ca/earthweek.

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