

District of Summerland 2026 Earth Week Celebrations

SUMMERLAND – The District of Summerland is encouraging residents to come out and participate in the 20th Annual Earth Week celebrations, which run on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 10 am to 1 pm. This year’s theme is ‘*Our Power, Our Planet!*’ which reflects a fundamental truth: environmental progress doesn’t depend on any single administration or election. It’s sustained by daily actions of communities, educators, workers, and families protecting where they live and work.

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.

2026 Earth Week Free Events include:

- Saturday, April 18 – One Day Recycling Depot at the Summerland Arena (8 am-3 pm). Foam Packaging - Flexible Plastics - Glass Containers (non-refundable) - Electronics - Batteries (residential only) - Small Appliances - Light Bulbs/Lighting Fixtures - Smoke Alarms (No Paint, Oil or Hazardous Materials Accepted); and,
- Sunday, April 26 - The 20th Annual Earth Week Celebration Community Planting event and 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 20th Annual Earth Week Celebration Community Planting event. The plantings will take place at Memorial Park, expanding the planting area started in 2024.

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. 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 bottles. 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, please visit: www.summerland.ca/earthweek

Quotes:

“For 20 years, the efforts of local volunteers, community groups, local businesses and the District have made Earth Week an annual grassroots celebration that brings people together to make Summerland a better place.”

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

“We are excited to see the transformation at Memorial Park, with the removal of invasive trees and now another year of planting indigenous species. We are so appreciative of community members helping to ensure the continued well-being of our community.”

~ Lisa Scott, Executive Director of OASISS

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Poster of the event attached

2026 EARTH DAY FREE EVENT

JOIN US FOR THE 20TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY PLANTING & FAIR



Sunday, April 26, 2026
10 AM - 1 PM



Memorial Park
Summerland, BC

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- Come plant native flowers, shrubs, and trees
- Visit some of the local organizations and businesses at the fair.

