

# Ten Rural Conservation Tips

- 1 If you must use pesticides, follow the label and Integrated Pest Management practices. Avoid using materials that will build up in soils.
- 2 Create a buffer of vegetation 20 feet wide along stream banks and ditches to filter runoff, to absorb excess nutrients and to provide habitat.
- 3 Build fencing to prevent livestock from trampling stream banks, destroying vegetation and stirring up sediment in the streams.
- 4 Use only the water that you need. Water in early morning, evening or at night and use drip irrigation to minimize water evaporation.
- 5 Make sure the water that leaves your property is as clean as the water that comes in.
- 6 Make crop and livestock choices that best suit your soils and site.
- 7 Keep animals and pastures healthy by cross fencing and rotational grazing. Know how many animals your property can maintain.
- 8 Build a covered manure storage facility and create compost to enrich your soil.
- 9 Keep your property defensible from fire.
- 10 To attract wildlife - plant native trees, shrubs and vegetation that offer cover and food.



**Contact our office to get help with your questions and plans. Fact sheets, workshops, online materials, resource guides and one-on-one technical assistance are all available.**

**– Rick Gruen, District Manager**



**Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District**

**CHECK OUR WEB SITE** for more information on conserving your soils, water, air and energy resources. [www.conservationdistrict.org](http://www.conservationdistrict.org)

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Good dirt. Clean water.

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**T**here's no better place to start your conservation practice than right under your feet . . . on the land you manage.

Whether your rural property is large or small, the *Conservation District* provides you with management strategies for the soils, water, air and energy resources.

*Small Farm and Rural Acreages* program provides technical assistance to landowners of property not normally eligible for USDA Farm Bill program assistance, or if eligible, would likely not be selected due to the small acreage or scope of the operation. Some landowners may be eligible for grants.

*Large Farm* program provides technical assistance to agricultural producers who are eligible and likely to receive USDA Farm Bill funding for conservation practice improvements with soil, water, air, nutrient and energy programs or to support farm economic viability.

*Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)* local, state and federal cooperative program encourages agricultural producers to voluntarily retire streamside agricultural lands by paying to establish streamside buffers that protect water quality and restore fish and wildlife habitat. The District collaborates with the USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA), as well as the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to implement CREP goals in Clackamas County.

**MUD** running from the pasture into a nearby stream.

**FINDING** ways to source, reuse or recycle sustainably-produced materials.

**BUILDING** habitat for wildlife populations.



**PROTECTING** well water from contamination.



**R**ural Conservation technical assistance helps Clackamas County landowners solve the problems they see right under their feet . . .



**REDUCING** the cost and impact of chemicals, fertilizer and water while maintaining a green lawn.

**CAPTURING** rainfall to store for later use in underground or above-ground tanks.

**FINDING** ways to save energy on a farm.

**CONTROLLING** erosion before it damages hillsides, structures and water quality.

**LEARNING** how to produce food for the fresh market.

**MANAGING** invasive weeds on land and in waterways.

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**IN THE KNOW**

In Clackamas County there is a knowledgeable group of conservationists who are available to help you take the best care of your soils, water, air and energy resources.

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