



Building a Sustainable Community



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN EASY WAY TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR WATER AND WATER HEATING BILLS?

The Town of Coupeville is giving out faucet aerators for bathrooms and kitchens, shower flow restrictors and toilet leak detection kits FOR FREE to any Town of Coupeville water customer. The bathroom faucet aerators are .5 gallons per minute (GPM), the kitchen sink aerators are 1.5 GPM and the shower flow restrictors are 1.5 GPM.

Simply bring your water bill into town hall and tell them how many faucets and shower heads (either fixed or handheld) your household has and we will hand you what you need. If you do not know how to install these items please leave us your name and phone number and someone will give you a call to walk you through the process.

How Much Can I save?

You can save a great deal of money on both water and water heating costs by converting to these new low flow aerators and flow restrictors. **Please keep in mind that these are only estimates and they are based on average usage.**

The average household in the Town of Coupeville can save the following:

- \$ 150.00 per year per household of 2 on water **AND**
- \$ 80.00 per year per household of 2 on water heating costs

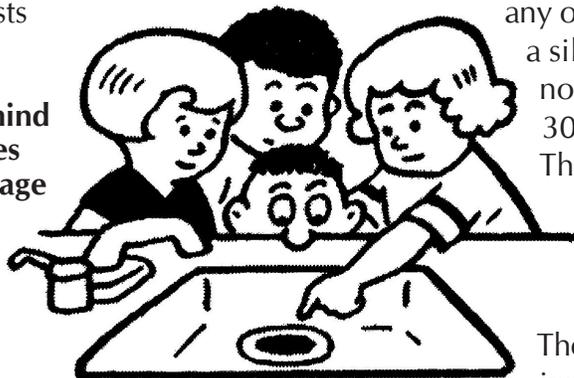
Or looking at it another way

- Typical bathroom faucet aerators are 2.2 gallon per minute (GPM) so replacing them with a .5 GPM aerator reduces your water usage by 77%.
- Typical kitchen sink aerators are 2.2 GPM so replacing them with a 1.5GPM reduces your water usage by 32%.
- Typical shower heads run at 2.5GPM so restricting the flow to 1.5 GPM reduces your water usage by 40%

AND in all cases you will also reduce your water heating costs as well.

Toilet Leak Detection Kits

Leaking toilets can cause more water waste than any other fixture in the home. Even a silent toilet leak (that's one you normally can't hear) will waste from 30 to 500 gallons of water per day! That can cost in-town Coupeville customers over \$150 in a month. The ones you can hear will waste much, more water.



The leak detection kits will come with instructions and are very simple to use.

EBEY'S FOREVER CONFERENCE & COMMUNITY EVENT

**November 6 & 7, 2009
Friday & Saturday**

Experience Ebey's Reserve through field trips, workshops, music and food. Learn from the leading voices in local food production, historic preservation, and ecological health, and participate in the cooperative management of a changing rural community. Protect what is timeless, while accommodating change. For more details visit www.ebeysforever.com/

BECOME A CLIMATE STEWARD!

WSU Extension Climate Stewards are trained volunteers who study global climate change science and how it impacts local systems; what climate change means for each of us; and how individual changes in behavior potentially create large, positive impacts. In exchange for 36 hours of professional training from university-level presenters, our volunteers offer 36 hours of volunteer service according to their own schedules. With support, volunteers participate in meaningful community projects that promote sustainability, energy conservation and other strategies to reduce carbon emissions.

If you have time for training and volunteer service, you are invited to become a Climate Steward. Training will be held at Padilla Bay Reserve in Skagit County (carpools will be organized) from 9am -3:30pm on Thursdays from October 15-November 19.

To register for this training, please contact WSU Climate Stewards Coordinator, Sarah Martin, by email, sarah_martin@wsu.edu or by phone, 360.679.7391 or visit Padilla Bay directly at <http://www.padillabay.gov>

The commitment is low; the speakers are expected to be diverse and engaging; and the issues are interesting to explore as we do our work on the beach--and across WSU Extension Programs.

WHIDBEY ISLAND FARM TOUR

Oct 3rd and 4th

Do you want get to know your local farmers, learn about the local food and products they raise and the sustainable farming methods they use? Make sure you join in the Whidbey Island Farm tour. Not only will you get to visit local farms but you will be able to participate in some fun events Saturday night including a Farm Dinner, Art Auction and Country dance. For more information visit <http://whidbeyfarmtour.wordpress.com/>

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Town of Coupeville Sustainability webpage:
<http://www.town.coupeville.wa.us/sustainability.htm>

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES NOT TO MISS!

PSE OFFERS YOU WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY - SAVE MONEY!

October 10, 2009 • 10 am to Noon
1784 Main St. • Freeland

■ **STANDBY GENERATORS** – A PSE expert will provide advice on how to determine the appropriate size generator for your home or business, as well as offer safety tips on installation and operation.

■ **WEATHERIZATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY** – An Energy Advisor will offer suggestions for lowering energy use and saving money on your electricity bills.

Seating is limited...to reserve a space please call 331.3060

■ WASTE WISE TRAINING

2 day course • Saturday Oct. 31 & Nov. 7
Oak Harbor Municipal Shops.

Call Janet Hall 678.7974 by Oct. 9 to register

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" is just the beginning. Dig into compost and worm bins. Dive into plastics and marine debris. Concoct non-toxic cleaners. Explore Recycle Centers and strategize about smart shopping. Learn the truth about trash in this Co-sponsored by WSU Waste Wise and the City of Oak Harbor.

HARVEST FESTIVAL at the Farmer's Market Saturday Oct 10

Don't miss the festivities at the last Farmer's Market of the season in Coupeville on Saturday October 10! There will be an abundance of

local produce and other products to fill your pantries and freezers. In addition the market will host the

Harvest Relay Races with proceeds going to the Gifts from the Heart Food Bank. And last but not least don't miss the Giant Pumpkin Contest!

