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## **King Conservation District offers manure and mud management workshops for area livestock owners October and November**

RENTON--King Conservation District (KCD) presents four workshops on land and water stewardship practices for livestock owners during October and November 2007. These workshops are free to landowners in the district (encompassing much of King County) and are designed to help livestock owners develop their farms into more attractive and effective environments for animals.

According to workshop coordinator Paul Bourne, livestock owners can expect to take home with them lots of practical management practices such as how to reduce mud, manage manure and plan pasture grazing. Workshop participants will also garner suggestions for how to deal with streams and wetlands.

Workshop participants receive individualized guidance from KCD farm planners and technicians. Working one-on-one with staff, participants are encouraged to analyze their particular issues and to design a realistic, useful plan for livestock management practices.

Workshops will be held Thursday evenings at the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. To register and for driving directions call KCD at 425-277-5581 ext. 122 or [paul.borne@kingcd.org](mailto:paul.borne@kingcd.org)

Upcoming topics/dates include:

- **October 18 - Streams and Wetlands: *Living with Livestock near Water.***  
Attend this workshop to design a stream or wetland native plant restoration plan.
- **October 25 - Mud Management: *Record Rainfall – Record Mud.***  
Develop a mud management plan. At this workshop design a confinement area for livestock, select and calculate materials needs and develop a confinement schedule.
- **November 1 - Manure Management: *Got Livestock? Got Manure!***  
Learn how to develop a manure composting and utilization plan.
- **November 8 - Pasture Management: *Becoming a Grass Farmer.*** Attend this workshop to develop a pasture management plan, determine the grazing

capacity of your pastures and learn how to manage grazing for optimal pasture production.

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***About King Conservation District:***

Renton-based King Conservation District (KCD) is special services district encompassing most of King County. It offers landowners in King County free assistance and information on a voluntary basis with conservation and environmental issues. Through its hands-on, results-oriented projects, workshops and events, it supports landowners on such issues as water quality protection, wildlife habitat enhancement and farm management. For more information on KCD programs and services, visit [www.kcd.org](http://www.kcd.org).