



Adventures in Low Carbon Living — neighborhood by neighborhood

Need: For community members to connect on a neighborhood level to explore and find ways they can save energy, money and lower their carbon footprint.

Goal: To create a fun way for communities to learn about climate change issues and how they can help be part of the solution.

Method: Offer parties! Suggested format:

"Living Lighter" Party with a Purpose

What is a "Living Lighter" Party?

A "Living Lighter" Party is a fun way to get to know your neighbors better while learning "carbon friendly" living practices your and your neighbors can do to be more environmentally friendly.

WSU Whatcom County Extension is providing an opportunity for you to host your own informative workshop--right in your own house or yard! You choose what you want to learn about—we'll find the right experts to send for your party.

How it Works:

The host invites friends & neighbors, promotes the workshop, and is the contact person for the Extension office. A minimum of 10 to a maximum of 25 attendees. Hosts will receive a wonderful themed thank you gift.

Cost:

The program is FREE!

If you like, hosts can provide refreshments for their guests (coffee/cookies/whatever) that's up to you. The Greener Garden Party will provide appropriate resource materials tailored to your topic.

Suggested Topics:

If you have a specific concern or an interest - we'll try to find an expert!

- Saving Energy audit—getting the biggest bang for your buck!
- Saving Water (in the home or in the landscape)
- Low Toxic home cleaning
- Earth friendly landscape/gardening, saving soil carbon
- Least toxic pest control (Integrated Pest Management—IPM)
- Creative recycling/reusing
- Low Carbon cooking
- Low Carbon transportation—let's get active!
- Creating a backyard habitat

Instructors:

Whatcom County has an abundance of experienced, well trained experts.

We will draw from experts who work for the county or city, volunteers from WSU trained Carbon Masters, Watershed Masters, Master Gardeners, Master Recycler/Composters, the Bellingham Parks Backyard Habitat Mentors and National Wildlife Federation Habitat Stewards, and other community leaders.

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