

Sustainable Practices – Get Started Today!

Sustainable Connections members often wonder “What can I do?” and “How do I get involved?” Well, it’s easy - we’ve listed the first step for each Sustainable Practice below.



Toward Zero Waste

Reduce landfill waste, increase re-use and recycling of existing resources and increase purchasing of recycled and environmentally preferable products by pledging to cut your waste by 50%. To join, contact Mariah Ross at mariah@sconnect.org or 360 647-7093 x105. You will be mailed education and promotion materials and receive a FREE waste audit from SSC.



Community Energy Challenge

Improve energy efficiency in your business with this program that provides a detailed analysis of energy use, full assessment, facility action plan, assistance with rebates, financing options, and quarterly progress updates. Contact Emily Kubiak at emily@sconnect.org or 360 647-7093 x113.



Eat Local First & Workplace CSA

Food buying businesses take the Eat Local First pledge, agreeing to shift more of their food budgets annually to items from local farmers and producers. All businesses can have fresh, nutritious foods delivered to the workplace by signing up for Workplace CSA farm shares. Contact Laura at Iridenour@sconnect.org or Mariah at mariah@sconnect.org to get started.



Whatcom Smart Trips

Become an Employer Partner and learn how to educate, support and provide incentives for your employees to make more trips by walking, bicycling, sharing rides and riding the bus. To become an Employer Partner, contact Mariah Ross at mariah@sconnect.org or 360 647-7093 x105.



Whatcom Watershed Business Pledge

The Watershed Business Pledge is a voluntary pollution prevention program to help reduce the solid and hazardous waste and water pollution created by businesses. To take the Watershed Pledge, see http://sustainableconnections.org/bizdev/wpledge/biz_checklist.pdf.



Bellingham Green Power

Purchase power through PSE generated from alternative resources including solar, wind, and local cow power. To sign up your business location visit www.pse.com or call a PSE Energy Advisor at 800 562-1482. Even if you aren’t the one paying the power bill there are still options.



EnviroStars

EnviroStars is a regional program that certifies businesses for their efforts to prevent pollution in industries that typically generate hazardous waste. For details visit www.envirostars.org. To become an EnviroStar business call 360 380-4640.

Visit our Sustainable Business Resource Center online at www.sustainableconnections.org/bizdev.

We’re all on a journey to sustainability. No matter where you are on the path, Sustainable Connections is interested in supporting your sustainability goals. Our model is based on reciprocity – we support you in your stewardship of this community, and in turn, we ask the community to support you.

Thank you for being part of Sustainable Connections!