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## **Snohomish County hosting free RainScaping Expo with celebrity gardener Ciscoe Morris**

*Residents can learn about rainwater runoff solutions through workshops and displays*

**EVERETT, Wash., September 13, 2018** – The heat of summer may dry up many residents’ worries about rainwater ponding in their yard. However, Northwest storms will soon return and rainwater runoff issues can negatively impact a property as well as local waterways. To help address these issues, Snohomish County is hosting a free RainScaping Expo for property owners to learn about rainwater runoff solutions. The Expo takes place Saturday, Sept. 29 at McCollum Park.

“We will have many educational opportunities for residents at this event, including TV and radio personality Ciscoe Morris who will talk about rainscaping through environmentally friendly gardening,” Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM) Utility Director Gregg Farris said.

The fair-style event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. at WSU Snohomish County Extension and the Northwest Stream Center within McCollum Park, located at 600 128<sup>th</sup> St SE in Everett.

Attendees can enjoy mini-workshops by rainscaping experts in rain gardens, lawn alternatives, soil solutions, pavement options and rain barrels, among others.

“This is an opportunity for residents to learn about rainwater runoff solutions that they can implement at home,” Snohomish County SWM Senior Planner Peggy Campbell said. “We will also have food vendors and rainscaping prizes such as rain garden books and rain barrels.”

Property owners can tour rainscaping features at the event, including rain gardens, permeable pavement, green roofing and landscapes. Educational booths will be available for residents to talk with experts and rainwater solution vendors.

For more information, visit [www.rainscaping.info](http://www.rainscaping.info) or 425-388-3464.

### **About Snohomish County Public Works**

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The

department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).

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