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## **Protect your property from stormwater *Learn how at multiagency event at Shelton library***

Runoff from heavy rainstorms can take a toll on your property. Learn about low impact and cost-saving tips to protect your land, smart techniques to manage stormwater, and basic concepts for shoreline stewardship at this workshop presented by local agency experts. The event will be held at the [Shelton Timberland Library](#) (William G. Reed Public Library) on Thursday, March 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring your questions. The program will end with a short Q & A session when attendees can discuss their own situations with staff.

Participating agencies are the Mason Conservation District, WSU Extension, and the Mason County Public Works and Community Development Departments. Their experts will introduce homeowners to the following:

- basic concepts of stormwater and runoff
- typical homeowner challenges
- stormwater management options
- when to call in the experts
- when to obtain a permit

The panel will present cost-saving and environmentally-friendly stormwater management options to protect property and the environment. They'll cover familiar concepts such as French drains, while introducing low-impact development (LID) techniques such as rain gardens, permeable paving, amended soils, and rain "harvesting." Free related literature will be available. In addition, Bob Simmons from WSU will introduce the "Shore Stewards" program and will provide free copies of the Extension's new Raingarden Handbook.

This event ends after regular library hours. As of 7 p.m. the library will only be open for the program. The Shelton Timberland Library is at 710 W Alder Street, Shelton. For more information, call the library at (360) 426-1362 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

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Timberland Regional Library provides for the information, reading and lifelong learning needs of the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county public at 27 community public libraries and 7 library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's program may contact the library one week in advance.