

March 2019

## Go Green Tri-Cities Monthly Newsletter

*If you would like to share a sustainable story, idea, or tip, send it to [news@gogreentricities.org](mailto:news@gogreentricities.org).*



### GREEN BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Zero Rez Cleaning Services

There may still be snow on the ground, but warm weather will be here soon, and so it will soon be time for spring cleaning. Here are businesses from the GGTC Green Pages directory who offer carpet, rug, and upholstery cleaning that is eco-friendly and safe for Pets and Children: **Zero Rez** <http://www.zeroreztricity.com/services/> offers environmentally friendly Powered Water: no harsh chemical additives. Other companies include Continental carpet cleaners <https://contcarpetcleaning.com>, Chem-dry <http://www.chem-dry.net/tricities.wa/> and Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning Tri-Cities WA <https://tricitieswa.hbcarpetcleaning.com/> This information is from their websites. If anyone has personal experience with these companies, please let us know.



### Reducing Toxins in Your Home.

Sustainable Living Center Public Workshop Series: March 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM – 8 PM. 640 Water Center Dr, Walla Walla, Wa.

Maintaining a healthy and safe home environment is important for all individuals and families. Although advertisements stress sanitization, there are many non-toxic solutions that will clean the home without introducing harmful chemicals. Discover creative solutions for detoxifying the home and creating simple, safe

alternative cleaners. This workshop will be especially beneficial to new parents and those living with young children, as children are especially vulnerable to many of these hazards.

Learn more about Green cleaning: <http://gogreentricities.org/index.php/how-to/115-non-toxic-cleaners>

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection - two dates this spring:

March 2, 2019, 9 AM - 3 PM Benton County Road Shop, 102808 Wiser Parkway, Kennewick.

April 6, 2019 from 9 AM - 3 PM Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S Oak Street, Kennewick.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. Early closure may be necessary if we reach full capacity.

FREE to all County and City households within Benton County.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Paints, Cleaners, Gasoline (less than 20 gallons), Motor oils and antifreeze, Propane tanks, Yard chemicals and fertilizers, Batteries (acid or alkaline), Fire extinguishers.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Explosives and dynamite, Asbestos, Ammunition, Biohazards, Tires, Medicines, Electronics, Business/contractor waste, Fluorescent bulbs and tubes. (NO CFL bulbs or tubes accepted. Go to [www.lightrecyclewa.org](http://www.lightrecyclewa.org) or call 509-786-5611 for more information.)

For more info, contact Benton Co. Solid Waste, [publicworks@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:publicworks@co.benton.wa.us) 509-786-5611, or see

Types of Waste/How to Dispose of them <https://www.co.benton.wa.us/pview.aspx?id=7666&catid=0>

## March Events

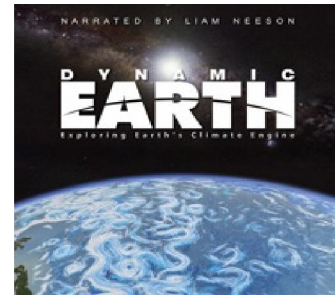
It's looking like the snow will still be with us. Here are fun and informative indoor events:

### Planetarium Shows: *Planet Nine* at 7 PM & *Dynamic Earth* at 8 PM

Friday March 1, 2019

CBC D-Building, 2600 N 20th Ave., Pasco

Dynamic Earth explores the inner workings of Earth's climate system. Audiences will ride along on swirling ocean and wind currents, dive into the heart of a monster hurricane, come face-to-face with sharks and gigantic whales, and fly into roiling volcanoes.



### Wind Energy Workshop



Saturday March 8 AM – Noon

Highlands MS, Rm 25, 425 S Tweedt, Kennewick

KidWind is a workshop for students (middle and high school) to explore the power of wind and the science and technology around wind turbines & blade design.

The energy-based content combined with practical standards connected classroom activities will make it easy to bring renewable energy to your classroom. Then

tour OIT to see their facilities and see how they are helping students prepare for careers.

This is a free training and lunch is provided. Materials are geared towards MS and HS teachers.

All teachers in attendance will receive a wind kit for their classroom, as well as lessons plans and prizes. Teachers do not need any prior knowledge of wind energy. They will learn about how wind power works and how to implement activities in your classroom. Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wind-energy-workshop-mid-columbia-wa-tickets-53994961383>

About The Kidwind Challenge: <https://www.kidwindchallenge.org/>

### Spring Garden Day

Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 8 AM – 4 PM

WSU Master Gardeners of B & F Counties, 7102 W Okanogan Place Suite 102, Kennewick.

WSU Tri-Cities the Master Gardeners and friends will have a series of classes that you can choose from. One of the Keynote presentations will be Firewise Landscaping.

\$40 for this all-day event! Register **by March 7** at: <https://tinyurl.com/y8ly7hvc>

### Natural history of the Blue Mountains

Tuesday March 12, 2019, 06:45PM - 8:30PM

REACH Museum, 1943 Columbia Park Trail, Richland  
The Lake Lewis Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute will host this free public lecture by geology professor Bob Carson. He will discuss his latest book, taking us deep into the story of the range's creation and history.

[https://iafi.org/event/the-blues/?instance\\_id=680](https://iafi.org/event/the-blues/?instance_id=680)



### Eco Fashion Show:

Wednesday March 13, 6:30pm  
Free Culture Clothing 114 W  
Kennewick Ave, Kennewick.

In the spirit of recycling, reusing, and creativity, Spectra Art Gallery is collaborating with Free Culture Clothing for this Gala Style Event. What is Eco Fashion? Any fashion, garment,



or accessory that is derived from recycled or reused materials, the possibilities are limitless: from paper, to soda cans, scrap fabric, or duct tape, the only limit is the designer's imagination. Everyone in the community is welcome to create their own eco fashion outfits or accessories and wear them to this event! If you would like to formally display your creations for the Eco Fashion Show, please contact Ray Lechelt Spectra Art Gallery for more information!

### Being the Change - documentary

Wednesday March 20, 2019, 7:00PM - 8:30PM. Richland Library 955 Northgate Dr, Richland. Complementing the book Being the Change, this documentary delves into the life of Caltech-Jet Propulsion Laboratory atmospheric scientist Peter Kalmus, showing how a change in life philosophy and mind frame enabled Kalmus to cut his fossil fuel use to 1/10th of the average American. He did all this while boosting his happiness and raising a family in a typical California suburb. This 60 minute screening is sponsored by Tri-Cities Citizens' Climate Lobby, followed by discussion. <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>

### Lambs at the Library

Tuesday March 26, 2019, 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
Keewaydin Park Branch - Mid-Columbia Libraries 405 S Dayton, Kennewick. (509) 586-3156. Celebrate spring as we welcome newborn lambs to this special event at Keewaydin Park Library. Enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities while interacting with these woolly friends.

### Chick Day

Saturday March 30, 2019, 10:00AM - 3:00PM  
Basin Feed & Supply 9200 W Clearwater Ave, Kennewick.  
(509) 737-8428 basinfeed1@live.com FREE to attend.  
Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Baby Chicks, and more.



### Earth Hour

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 8:30pm, people across the world will once again unite to show their support for our planet, our shared home. Skylines across the world will go dark in solidarity with global efforts to create a better future for people and nature. Individuals, communities, businesses and more will be doing their part and speaking up on why nature matters and offering solutions to create a sustainable future. Learn more at [earthhour.org](http://earthhour.org).

