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**Cedar Grove’s Compost Days™ Celebrates Spring and Region’s Efforts to Recycle Yard and Food Scraps and Reduce Region’s Carbon Impact**

***Deep Discounts on Cedar Grove*® *Soils and a Community Agriculture Project***

*March 6, 2016* – Today marks the start of the eighth annual Compost Days**™**, a campaign to thank residents for composting at the curb and diverting more than 350,000 tons of food, food-soiled paper and yard debris from landfills in 2016. To celebrate, from March 6 – April 9, Cedar Grove will offer deep discounts on compost and other soil products at its locations and through participating retail partners including Fred Meyer, Dunn Lumber and Sky Nursery.

“Compost Days, taking place March 6 – April 9, 2017, is an annual celebration of our region’s tremendous organics recycling efforts; residents, schools and businesses that diligently recycle their yard and food scraps year ‘round in order to divert those materials from the landfill and ensure they are manufactured locally into nutritious soils,” said Karen Dawson, director of marketing and community relations, Cedar Grove.

This year, in honor of Compost Days, Cedar Grove will contribute a truckload of compost to an agriculture buffer project at Carnation Farm. Agriculture buffers are a natural solution to loss of fish and wildlife habitat, loss of farmland and increasingly polluted waterways throughout the Snoqualmie Watershed. “Compost plays a significant role in erosion control and salmon protection and we are excited to put our compost and employees to work on the banks of the Snoqualmie River, a river that runs through some of the most gorgeous farmland in the Pacific Northwest.”

On March 18, volunteers from Cedar Grove and the broader community will apply compost, plant native trees and shrubs and maintain previous plantings. These efforts will enhance salmon habitat and restore the riverbank.

“Stewardship Partners relies on collaborations such as this one with Cedar Grove to help partners like Carnation Farms make a positive impact and improve fish and wildlife habitat on their land,” said Snoqualmie Stewardship Program Manager Chris LaPointe, of Stewardship Partners.

“The roots of Cedar Grove’s Compost Days campaign are in gratitude to the residents of this region who participate in curbside organics recycling and our desire provide them with the opportunity to bring that soil back into their home and community gardens at a deep discount,” said Dawson. “Cedar Grove has a longstanding community giving program and Compost Days would not be complete without a large compost donation; we’re honored to partner with Stewardship Partners in 2017 for that gift.”

Residents can learn more about Compost Days and download coupons by visiting [www.compostdays.com](http://www.compostdays.com).

**About Cedar Grove**

Cedar Grove Composting is a local, family-owned business with deep roots in the Seattle area dating back to 1938. Cedar Grove plays a critical role in the Puget Sound’s recycling infrastructure and sustainability efforts, diverting more than 350,000 tons of yard waste and food scraps from landfills annually. With two processing facilities in Maple Valley and Everett, Cedar Grove is a local manufacturer providing green jobs in King and Snohomish Counties. Cedar Grove produces wholesome, nutrient-rich compost that is sold to businesses, governments and residents, ensuring consumers have access to locally produced, recycled products. For more information, please visit [www.cedar-grove.com](http://www.cedar-grove.com).

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