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### **History of the South Big Horn Conservation District**

Following the Dust Bowl in the 1930s, the need to conserve natural resources became an important focus in the United States, leading to the 1935 formation of the Soil Conservation Service, now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). To coordinate the conservation efforts of the NRCS and other agencies on a local level, conservation districts were formed nationwide by state governments. In March of 1941, Wyoming Legislature passed an act establishing conservation districts in the state. There are now 34 conservation districts in the State of Wyoming.

Big Horn County is home to two Conservation Districts: South Big Horn (covering Shell, Greybull, Basin, Emblem, Otto, Burlington, Manderson, Hyattville) and Shoshone Conservation District (covering Lovell, Byron, Frannie, Deaver, Cowley).

The Greybull Valley Conservation District was formed in 1945 following the devastating days of the “Dust Bowl.” The South Big Horn & Shell Valley Conservation Districts were organized in 1947. In 1968, the Greybull Valley & Shell Valley Conservation Districts combined and became the Greybull-Shell Conservation District. In 1977, the South Big Horn and Greybull-Shell Conservation Districts decided to merge and at that time became known as the South Big Horn Conservation District.

# Newsletter



*"Provide leadership, educate  
the public, and find the  
solutions to Natural  
Resource problems using  
local grassroots  
involvement"*

## Calendar of Events

- 🌻 May 6 - NWID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 7pm @ Manderson Fire Hall
- 🌻 May 6 - Registration Deadline "From Seed to Harvest: Guide to Growing Vegetables" Workshop
- 🌻 May 7 - SBHCD monthly meeting 4pm @ Farm Service Center
- 🌻 May 11 - "From Seed to Harvest: Guide to Growing Vegetables" Workshop with Caitlin Youngquist and Scott Schell.
- 🌻 May 16 - Shell Valley WID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 8pm @ Shell Community Hall
- 🌻 May 27 - Memorial Day - Office closed
- 🌻 June 3 - NWID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 7pm @ Manderson Fire Hall
- 🌻 June 4 - SBHCD Monthly Board Meeting 4 pm @ Farm Service Center
- 🌻 June 19 - Juneteenth - Office closed
- 🌻 June 20 - Shell Valley WID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 8pm @ Shell Community Hall

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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# *From Seed to Harvest: Guide to Growing Vegetables Workshop*

## ***About the Event***

Discover the joys of gardening as Caitlin and Scott share their expertise on selecting the perfect vegetables, preparing the soil for planting, and maintaining a healthy garden throughout the growing season. From tips on watering and fertilizing to dealing with common pests, this informative session will equip you with the knowledge and confidence to cultivate your own thriving vegetable garden. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, this event will inspire and educate you on the rewarding journey of growing your own fresh, flavorful produce.

## ***What You'll Learn***

- Choosing the right location
- Preparing the Soil
- Selecting the best vegetables
- Planting and care
- Watering & Fertilizing
- Pest Management

**11 MAY 2024**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Senior Citizen Center  
417 South 2nd Street  
Greybull, WY 82426**

**REGISTRATION**

**\$25**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 6, 2024!**



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# THE PERKS OF HOME COMPOSTING

## Reduce Food Waste

Composting year-round is a great way to divert your food waste from the landfill, and reuse your fall leaves to make a nutrient-rich soil amendment for gardening.



## Nutrient-Rich Output

Composting is a controlled, aerobic (oxygen-required) process that converts organic materials into a nutrient-rich soil amendment or mulch through natural decomposition.



## What do you need:

- Carbon-rich materials ("browns"): dry leaves, plant stalks, and twigs.
- Nitrogen-rich materials ("greens"): grass clippings and food scraps.
- Water (moisture).
- Air (oxygen).
- and **The Home Composter!**

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## The Home Composter is...

Made from 100% recycled plastic, this Home Composter is the top pick of backyard composters among compost experts. This bin is NOT available in retail stores.

Key features:

- 100% recycled plastic
- Black to absorb heat quickly
- 128 gallon capacity (can hold six to eight 30-gallon bags of yard material)
- Easy to use, simple to assemble and move if you need
- Long-lasting
- A door that slides open at the bottom giving you easy access to finished compost without emptying entire bin
- A tight lid keeping pests out; yet is well vented to decompose organic material
- 30" Height x 35" Diameter
- Comes with a copy of the book "The Composting Cookbook"



The South Big Horn Conservation districts offers multiple cost share programs to the citizens of South Big Horn County. The district offers incentives to Implement farm, ranch and forestland conservation practices to protect soil productivity, water quality and quantity, air quality and wildlife habitat; Protect groundwater resources; Assist communities and homeowners in planting trees and other land cover to hold soil in place, clean the air, provide cover for wildlife, and beautify neighborhoods.



## **COST SHARE PROGRAMS**

### **WWDC Small Waters**

- 50% cost share up to \$35,000

### **Wyoming Department of Agriculture**

- 70% cost share up to \$20,000

### **Wyoming DEQ - 319**

- 60% cost share

**Application deadline for all grants is August 15th!**

**Applications received after this date will be submitted for the following year.**