

QUINTA COUNTY *Connection*



“Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow...Safety in Ag”



Did you know that agriculture has some of the highest rates of serious injuries and fatalities? Did you know that agriculture ranks among the most dangerous professions in the United States? By increasing awareness of the safety issues that exist for agriculture workers and providing the proper training and tools to prevent them, we can help reduce the number of accidents.

Here in Uinta County, we are not immune to these safety risks. We have had our share of accidents with some pretty serious injuries. As a result, the Uinta County Conservation District wanted to try something different this year and provide some valuable information about ag safety. We are

excited to offer this great opportunity to learn from local emergency and law enforcement officials as well as other experts about things we can do to prevent injuries and stay safe while working. There will be a lot of great information jam packed into a few hours, with demonstrations, hands-on learning, interactive discussions, cool door prizes and a delicious lunch, all free of charge!

Topics include Fire safety - how to properly put out different types of fires and how to use a fire extinguisher, important first aid training and how to properly administer CPR, emergency contacts, important numbers to have readily available, and tips to avoid injury. The Sheriff's office has been invited to talk about moving livestock safely on public roads, and we will hear from one of our own who was seriously injured in a ranch accident and the lessons they learned. This is shaping up to be an exciting and valuable learning opportunity!

The seminar will be held on **Wednesday, February 26th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm** at the Conservation District office in Lyman. Lunch will be provided! Although an RSVP is not required, we kindly ask you to let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. You can do this by scanning the QR code, or by calling or emailing our office at 307-288-0214, ksabey.uccd@gmail.com.

Safety in Ag Seminar

February 26, 2025

11:00 am—2:00 pm

UCCD Office

204 E Sage St, Lyman

*Lunch will be provided
An RSVP is appreciated*



“If we can help prevent just one accident, we will consider this seminar a success!”



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

UCCD is now accepting applications for the **Community Enhancement Grant Program**.

The grants are open to any groups, teams, clubs, schools, partnering agencies, businesses, church groups, scout groups or other civic organizations with an interest in providing service to the community. UCCD will select well thought-out projects that serve a wide variety of environmental stewardship goals while showing a benefit to the public.

Applications can be written for any amount up to **\$5,000!**

For more information and an application, visit our website at www.uintacountycd.com, give us a call at 307-288-0214 or send us an email; ksabey.uccd@gmail.com. Applications are due April 14, 2025.

WELL WATER TESTING DAY WILL BE EARLY THIS YEAR

We usually hold our well water testing day during the early summer, however, this year, in order to accommodate the lab's schedule, we will hold it on April 28th. Remember though, you must pre-register and pay for your chosen test kit by the April 16th deadline in order to participate.

Living in a rural area, it is pretty likely the water that supplies your home comes from a well. According to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, "you are solely responsible for the maintenance of your private water well, and are required to maintain it in such a condition that it does not contribute to contamination of groundwater." One way to prevent contamination is to properly maintain your well through regular inspection and then addressing any issues you find right away.

There is no government agency that regulates or regularly tests water quality from private water wells in Wyoming, which means it is up to you, as the private well owner, to have your well water tested. Having your well water tested regularly gives you an idea if there are issues to be addressed and protects the health of your family.

How can I get my well water tested?

Every year, the Uinta County Conservation District offers a Well Water Testing Day. This program is used to educate well owners and remind them to get their well water tested regularly. Through this program, UCCD helps with the cost of testing and shipping, so that private well owners can get their water tested at a more affordable rate.

How does it work?

The program is simple, just follow these basic steps:

1. Choose the test option best for you, then pre-register and pre-pay by April 16, 2025. (check or cash only)
2. Pick up the sampling kit you ordered from the UCCD office in Lyman, or the UW Extension Office in Evanston the week of April 21, 2025.
3. Sample your water the morning of Monday, April 28 and bring the sample back to the UCCD office by 9 am or the UW Extension Office before 10:00 am!
4. We will take care of the rest!

Don't assume your well water is safe. Take advantage of UCCDs Well Water Testing Day to be sure it is! Please see the table below for details about the tests being offered and the cost. Contact UCCD or visit our website for more information and to register.

**All results will be sent directly to the private well owner from the lab, UCCD does not see any of the results.*

Options	Description	Lab Rate	Your Cost
Option 1	Annual Testing — Bacteria Presence/Absence, Nitrate	\$27	\$0
Option 2	Full Well Test —Bacteria Presence/Absence, Conductivity, Magnesium, Manganese (total), Sodium Adsorption Ratio(SAR), pH, Sodium, Nitrate, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), Calcium, Iron(total), Hardness, Potassium, Alkalinity, Chloride, Fluoride, Sulfate	\$217.00	\$108.50

SAVE THE DATE

Natural Science Educator Workshop

- Who:** For teachers, substitute teachers, non-formal educators home-schoolers, youth group leaders, etc.
- What:** A fun, hands-on workshop featuring award-winning curricula of Project Wild and more.
- When:** June 11 & June 12 – 8 am to 5 pm
- Where:** UCCD Office, 204 E Sage St., Lyman, WY
- Why:** Bring the environment back into the classroom; PTSB & UW Continuing Education credits available

More information on registration and fees to come.
 Contact our office so we know that you are interested and we will get information to you as it becomes available.



Join us for a “Power Hour” in 2025

UCCD wants to try something new this year to provide opportunities for learning while accommodating everyone’s busy schedules. Each month, starting in March, we will host a “Power Hour” where we will spend one hour learning about a specific topic. UCCD will provide food and drinks and any other materials as needed.

Our first Power Hour will be held on Tuesday, March 11th, from 12-1pm at the UCCD office, 204 East Sage Street in Lyman. The topic will be “Seed Starting, Getting a Jump Start on Our Short Gardening Season”. Barb and Leanne from *Good to Grow Farms* in Evanston will be our presenters. A light lunch will be provided or feel free to bring your own! Please call or email if you have any questions, suggestions for future topics or times that work better than others.

More information about future Power Hour dates, times and topics will be advertised as we get the details worked out. Be sure to check out our website and Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.

“Power Hour”

When: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Time: 12:00-1:00pm

Place: UCCD Office, 204 East Sage Street, Lyman, WY

Topic: Seed Starting - a jump start on our short gardening season

Presenters: Barb & Leanne with *Good To Grow Farms*

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**BEAR PONDS
EVANSTON WYOMING**
 A NON-PROFIT FUNDRAISING EVENT
 ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK INTO THE
 GREENWAY

FEBRUARY 8TH 2025

❄️ Curling, Skating, Kids activities, & Cross Country Ski Races

WINTERFEST

Free cross country ski and ice skate rentals at the Evanston Rec Center while supplies last

START 11:00 AM / FREE ENTRY

Hot food, Hot cocoa and Cold beer for sale.

Snow Pack & Water Data

Visit the University of Wyoming Water Resources Data System at:
www.wrds.uwyo.edu/wrds/nrcs/nrcs.html

Seedling Tree Sales

Order forms are available at our office or on our website:
www.uintacountycd.com.

Place your order early for best selection!

Order Deadline: April 17, 2025

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CHANGE OF SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events

February 8	Winter Festival, Bear River Ice Ponds and Meadows, Evanston WY
February 20	UW Extension SW Wyoming Ag Day, Roundhouse, Evanston WY
February 26	“Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow - Safety in Ag” seminar UCCD office
March 11	“Power Hour” 12-1pm, UCCD Office, “Seed Starting”, UCCD office
April 14	Community Enhancement Grant application deadline
April 16	Well Water Testing Day pre-registration deadline
April 17	Seedling Tree order deadline
April 28	Well Water Testing Day for those registered
June 11-12	Educator Workshop, Lyman WY

2025 Redbooks

Available at the UCCD office in Lyman & the UW Extension office in Evanston



2025 POSTER CONTEST



UCCD will celebrate **The National Association of Conservation District’s Stewardship Week** from April 27th to May 4th. The 2025 stewardship theme is: **“Home is Where the Habitat is.”**

This theme highlights the essential role of both natural and managed

habitats in our conservation efforts. In support of Stewardship Week, UCCD actively participates in education and outreach to engage with communities through the annual poster contest. This contest offers kindergarten through 12th grade students the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents while conveying essential messages about conservation. “While Stewardship Week is a focused event, our commitment to celebrating and safeguarding these habitats extends throughout the entire year. Our conservation community is dedicated to protecting a wide range of ecosystems—from pristine natural landscapes to carefully enhanced habitats. These efforts are critical in supporting biodiversity and maintaining ecological balance.”

Poster Contest Deadline: April 30, 2025, 4:00pm

visit our website for details

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