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## **Public Service Announcement**

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To: All Media

From: Shellie Campbell, Director

North Central Public Health District

**Subject:** North Central Public Health District Giving Out Free Seed Packets on Earth Day

On Monday, April 22, 2024, North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) and the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) are teaming up to celebrate Earth Day by giving out free flower seed packets. All are welcome to join the celebration at the Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) spring resource fair at the CGCC Amphitheater, 400 E. Scenic Dr., The Dalles, OR, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or at Sherman County SWCD located at 2004 First St., Moro, OR, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Staff will be handing out seed packets and information while supplies last.

NCPHD leads and inspires our community in the creation of an equitable, safe, and healthy environment. The function of our Environmental Health department is to identify health risks in the environment and implement solutions that reduce those risks.

We recognize the link between climate change and public health. As our climate undergoes record shifts, we see a surge in health hazards, including more frequent and severe heatwaves, air pollution, and vector-borne diseases. These impacts affect vulnerable populations the most, worsening existing health inequalities.

Mitigating climate change is vital to public health. Individuals can make a lasting impact by adopting ecofriendly habits, such as reducing energy use, practicing water-wise landscaping, composting organic waste, and advocating for environmentally friendly practices. By collectively building stronger, more resilient communities, we can adapt to the impacts of a changing climate and ensure everyone's health and well-being.

To learn more about our Climate Change Adaptation Plan and how you can make a difference, visit ncphd.org/climate.

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