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Gary Gui (left) and Tony Zhang from W.D. Ferris Elementary had potted seeds and clippings to hand out.

Earth Day is April 22

Day, held every April 22 and started by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin in 1970. He called for an "environmental teach-in or Earth Day" in response to widespread environmental degradation.

Earth Day at Terra Nova Park

The Terra Nova Schoolyard Project, connects students with the earth. On Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., learn, garden, eat, and hike at Terra Nova Rural Park. Chef Ian Lai will be behind the barbecue, ready to answer questions about his project.

The event also features arts and crafts, guided nature walks, composting workshops, and more. For more information: 604-244-1250

Then on the following Wednesday, April 25, the city's engineering department will make available 75-gallon plastic rain barrels with which to collect rain water. They are \$75 each, including taxes, and they will be available for purchase at New Westminster's City Works Yard on First Street. For more information, call 604-526-4691.

RICHMOND, 11 a.m.: You can learn about gardening and nature at Terra Nova Rural Park. Composting and waterwise gardening workshops begin at 11 a.m., followed by an interpretive nature walk through the park at 11:30. Local chef Ian Lai, from the Terra Nova Schoolyard Society will guide participants in planting shrubs to beautify the park and in planting the Living Seat, an urban agricultural display from the World Urban Forum.

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NORTH VANCOUVER, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

The Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve invites you to spend part of your Earth Day removing invasive plant species from trail areas and wildlife habitats, plant native species in disturbed areas and clean up along the way. For more information, call 604-451-6506

BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK, 1 to 4 p.m.:

English ivy is a big problem in the wild areas around the lake, so organizers are looking for volunteers to help remove it. If you want to help, meet at the Glencairn Drive parking lot, just off Sperling. For ages 8 and up.

HADDEN PARK, 1:30 p.m.: Representatives of religious groups from throughout the area will converge on Hadden Park, just behind the Maritime Museum in Vancouver, to bless young salmon as they prepare to swim out to sea. The event is sponsored by the False Creek Watershed Society and the Sierra Club of B.C.

NEW WESTMINSTER, 1 p.m.: Invasive species are a problem in the Royal City too, so the city's parks and recreation department invites you to join them, with gloves, hand tools and pruners, to get ride of blackberry and English ivy from various sites in Queens Park. Meet at the Queens Park Arena front lawn.