



Place your order NOW for pick up April 21, 2007 at the Clermont Co. Fairgrounds
Price List and Order Form Inside, pages 4-6. They are also available at the Clermont County Libraries.

This year, the Clermont SWCD will again offer tree seedlings and groundcovers at discount prices. This program provides the opportunity for individuals to develop small areas of reforestation, wildlife enhancement, or improve home landscaping.

The plants described in this newsletter are young seedlings. Most will be bare rooted, with no soil around the roots. We dip the plants in a gel to help keep the roots from drying out and wrap them in a plastic bag. Most packets will be in a bag about the size of a grocery bag and fit easily in your vehicle. Several species are larger at 1-6 ft. and come in 1 gallon pots. All of our groundcovers will be in trays or pots.

In addition to trees and groundcovers, we also have booklets on bird watching and feeding and several varieties of wildflower seed packets. New this year, we have 2 types of **bird houses / nesting boxes** to attract bluebirds and other bird species to your yard.

The deadline to place orders is April 13, 2007.

Please send your check or money order with your completed order form (on back) to Clermont SWCD at the address on the order form. We will notify you by mail of the exact date and pick up times. We are planning on Saturday, April 21st, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the fairgrounds in Owensville, Ohio for pick up. You must plan on picking up your order, as we cannot ship.

If you have any questions, please call Susie at 732-7075.

EMERALD ASH BORER: THINKING ABOUT ASH REPLACEMENTS

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is making it's way south towards Clermont and surrounding counties. If this non-native insect infests your ash trees, the trees will die in three to five years. The probability of an infestation in Southwest Ohio is good enough that planning for the future by planting replacements now is recommended.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources recommends the following (to name a few) as replacement trees for affected ash trees: Autumn Blaze Maple, Red Oak, and Thornless Honeylocust. All of these trees are fast growing and large (45-80 feet tall) at maturity. We are featuring the Autumn Blaze Maple in one gallon pots at this year's tree sale.

New This Year!



BH1



BH2

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(EAB, continued from p. 1)

How to Tell if Your Tree Has EAB

There are several things that may indicate your ash tree has Emerald Ash Borer:

- Branch dieback at the top of the tree
- Vertical splits in the bark
- Sprouting on the trunk and at the base of the tree
- Scratched bark from woodpeckers feeding on the larvae
- Distinct 1/8 inch, D-shaped exit holes in the bark
- S-shaped, sawdust-packed galleries under the bark

EAB is very difficult to detect until a tree has been infested for at least a year because the larvae feed from the top of the tree first. When looking for EAB it is important to peel off the bark to look for the larvae and the galleries.

For more information on the Emerald Ash Borer, see ODNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.ohio.gov/forestry/eab/default.html>

6th Annual Clermont County Horse & Pasture Management School set for Feb. 20

Every horse owner/caretaker is encourage to attend our 7th annual Horse and Pasture School, put on by OSU Extension and Clermont SWCD. There is a nominal registration fee of \$10.

4-H Hall Ag Center, Clermont County Fairgrounds
Registration and refreshments @ 5:30pm
Class from 6pm to 8:30pm

To pre-register or for more information, contact:
Susie Steffensen, Clermont SWCD 513 732-7075



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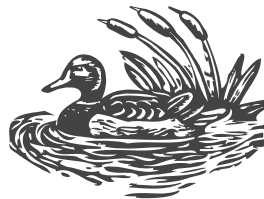
Pond Clinic

If you own a pond or are planning on building a pond, plan on attending Clermont SWCD's annual pond clinic on **April 11, 2007**. The clinic is free and there will be a couple door prizes available.

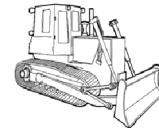
It will be held in the 4-H Building in the Clermont County Fairgrounds. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Experts will be on hand to answer all your pond questions. Call the office at 732-7075 to register.

Subjects to be discussed are:

- pond construction
- aquatic weed control
- fish stocking
- aeration
- goose control



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Planning Saves Soil During Timber Harvests – Call Before You Cut

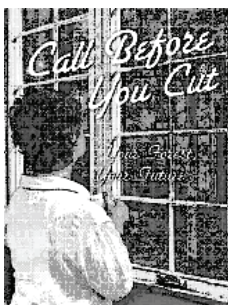
By Paul Berringer & Ohio Division of Soil & Water Conservation Staff

If you sold some timber and the logging company's poor management practices led to soil erosion and stream sedimentation, you'd probably have some choice words for the person responsible. However, you'd be talking to yourself. When woodland owners sell timber, their legal responsibility for preventing water pollution doesn't pass to the logger harvesting the trees. Under Ohio's Agricultural Pollution Abatement law, which addresses impacts to the "waters of the State" resulting from timber harvests, responsibility rests with the landowner.

Sometimes, erosion or sedimentation problems aren't obvious to the landowner until after the timber harvest is finished. By then it can be difficult to get the logging company to correct problems, especially if the company has gone on to another job – often in another county! That's why it is so important to choose a logger carefully, to insist on a written contract that requires the use of best management practices, and to file a Operation and Management (O&M) plan with the local soil and water conservation district (SWCD) before starting the harvest.

O&M plans are not mandatory for timber harvests, but they can help landowners and loggers head off problems. Filing a plan signals to the logger that the landowner takes erosion control seriously and lets the SWCD know a timber harvest is planned. If the SWCD sees a problem with the plan, the plan can be revised before the harvest starts and problems occur. A plan approved by the local SWCD can also help protect a landowner from nuisance lawsuits as long as the best management practices in the plan are being followed.

In 2006, the Division of Soil & Water Conservation and local SWCDs formed a coalition with forest resource agencies throughout Ohio to unveil a campaign aimed at increasing landowners awareness of these critical timber harvesting issues. The "Call Before You Cut" program informs landowners of their options when considering a timber harvest.



Landowners should first visit the website <http://callb4ucut.com/> or call 877-4B4-UCUT to learn more details about the program. If landowners decide to file a "Notice of Intent to Harvest" or an O&M Plan, they can then call the Clermont SWCD (732-7075) for further assistance.

Of course, just putting a plan on paper won't ensure that best management practices are followed during a timber harvest. Unless the landowner has expertise in managing a timber harvest, it's best to seek out professional help. Service Foresters from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry can advise landowners on woodland management, including best management practices for timber harvests and filing O&M plans. Many landowners also rely on private consulting foresters, who can manage a timber sale and oversee the harvest. Industry foresters employed by companies that use raw wood products might also be able to help landowners manage a harvest.

NACD Joins Industry Partners in Push for Farm Bill Funding

Reprinted from January 30th NACD eNotes Newsletter

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) joined 100 interested groups in a letter to Senate and House Budget Committees recently asking legislators to increase farm bill funding. The letter addressed the cuts that agricultural programs have sustained over the last several years, asking lawmakers to "adopt mandatory and discretionary spending levels that provide for additional funding and resist efforts to force further budget reductions on agricultural, food assistance, conservation and other critical programs."

According to the groups, there are both increased challenges and new opportunities that must be considered and addressed as Congress begins crafting new farm bill legislation this year. The organizations are urging the budget committees "to adopt a budget resolution that provides an adequate level of resources to address the challenges that confront agriculture's diverse stakeholders and fully takes advantage of the new opportunities that are available to this important sector of our economy and society," according to the letter. Full text of the letter is available from <http://nacdnet.org/FB07/>.

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The SWCD Office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, Feb. 19	Presidents' Day
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day



2007 Tree and Groundcover Sale



Packet A **Colorado Blue Spruce** **\$10.00**
 Prefers sun. PICEA PUNGENS 10 trees/packet
 3 year / 10 to 18 inch seedlings
 The most popular of the spruces for ornamental and Christmas trees. Blue-green stiff needles. Color is 95% blue depending on the plant-soil conditions. Has a slow to medium growth rate that should reach 6 feet in 8 to 9 years, and can reach a height of 100 ft. when mature.

Packet B **Scotch Pine** **\$10.00**
 Prefers sun. PINUS SYLVESTRIS 10 trees/packet
 3 year / 8 to 16 inch seedlings
 The French Blue variety. The most popular Christmas tree when young. Beautiful large tree with a crown of spreading branches that become round and irregular and rich blue-green stiff needles 1 1/2 to 2 3/4". Grows to 70 ft. at maturity.

Packet C **Eastern White Pine** **\$12.00**
 Prefers sun, partial shade OK. PINUS STROBUS 10 trees/packet
 4 year / 16 to 24 inch seedlings
 Beautiful hardy evergreen. Color is bluish green. Long soft needles. The fastest growing evergreen we offer. Will tolerate slightly wet areas but does best on dryer slopes. Grows to 100 ft. at maturity. Excellent for windbreaks and ornamental use.

Packet D **Norway Spruce** **\$12.00**
 Prefers sun, partial shade OK. PICEA ABIES 10 trees/packet
 4 year / 16 to 28 inch seedlings
 Fast growing 8 to 10 inches a year. Dark green, short needles with drooping branches and upswept tips. Requires good drainage for best growth. Reacts well to shearing. Grows to 90 ft. at maturity. Excellent for windbreaks and Christmas trees.

Packet E **Canadian Hemlock** **\$12.00**
 Prefers sun TSUGA CANADENSIS 5 trees/packet
 3 year / 15 to 30 inch seedlings
 This tree, the only hemlock found in Ohio, is large, growing to a height of 60 to 75 feet and a diameter of 1 to 3 feet. The distinctive, flat needles are glossy green above, and pale green with two white lines below. The scaly bark of mature trees is dark purplish brown and deeply furrowed. The tree grows best in cool, moist locations such as the north-facing slopes of deep ravines.

Packet F **Kousa Dogwood** **\$12.00**
 Prefers sun CORNUS KOUSA 3 trees/packet
 18 to 24 inch seedlings
 An attractive small growing ornamental deciduous tree with long, dark green leaves producing showy white flowers in June, 3 weeks after Flowering Dogwood. The flowers, followed by large red fruits, red fall color, and exfoliating bark gives year-round interest.

Packet G **Butterfly Bush** **\$10.00**
 Prefers full sun BUDDLEIA DAVIDII 3/packet
 18 to 24 inch tall seedlings
 A vigorous growing deciduous shrub reaching a mature height of 6 to 8 feet. It produces long spikes of flowers on new growth from July to September.

Packet H **Common Lilac** **\$10.00**
 Prefers sun SYRINGA VULGARIS 3/packet
 18 to 24 inch seedlings
 A shrub with bright green leaves, hardy, upright, and spreading. Heart-shaped foliage. Fragrant flowers in mid-May.

Packet I **Tuliptree** **\$12.00**
 Prefers sun LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA 1 tree
 2-3 ft. tall / 1 gal. pot
 Also known as Yellow-Poplar because of the color of the heartwood. A great shade tree with a tall straight trunk and large crown. Leaves have a distinct tulip shape. Will grow to heights of 50 to 100 ft with trunk diameters of 3 to 4 feet.

Packet J **Redbud** **\$12.00**
 Prefers partial shade CERCIS CANADENSIS 1 tree
 3-4 ft. tall / 1 gal. pot
 Brilliant purple flowers in early spring. Very effective in mass plantings/ naturalized settings. Large, dark green heart-shaped leaves turning bright yellow in fall. Grows to 25 feet.

Packet K **Blackgum** **\$12.00**
 Prefers sun NYSSA SYLVATICA 1 tree
 3 to 5 ft. tall / 1 gal. pot
 Also known as Black Tupelo. An excellent ornamental tree. Narrow, pointed, dark green leaves turn shades of brilliant red, yellow, orange, and scarlet purple in fall. Small white flowers in summer, cherry size blue fruit in fall. Grows in any soil and withstands swampy conditions. Height to 80 feet.

Packet L **River Birch** **\$9.00**
 Prefers full to partial sun BETULA NIGRA 1 tree
 4-5 ft. tall **bare root**
 Striking deciduous tree with grey brown to rusty brown scaly bark. Leaves turn yellow in autumn. Performs well in either wet or dry soils that are acidic to neutral in pH. Height 50-70 ft. and 25 to 45 ft. wide.

↙ **FEATURED TREE!** ↘

Packet M **Autumn Blaze Maple** **\$12.00**
 Prefers sun ACER x FREEMANI 1 tree
 3-4 ft tall / 1 gal. pot
 Hybrid of silver and red maple; medium to fine textured leaves; very fast growing. Brilliant orange to red fall color. Above average drought and heat tolerance. Height 50-60 ft., spread 50-60 ft. **Recommended as an Ash replacement.**

Packet O **Green Weeping Willow** **\$12.00**
 Prefers Sun SALIX BABYLONICA 1 tree
 12 inch tall / 1 gal. pot
 This hardy deciduous tree forms a gracefully rounded crown, maturing at 50 feet height and spread. The bark is dark gray and deeply furrowed. Branches divide into many thin stems that hang in pendulous curtains to the ground. Very adaptable and will thrive in most soil types.

Packet P Prefers sun	American Plum <u>PRUNUS AMERICANA</u> 3-4 ft. bare root	\$5.00 1 tree
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Also known as Wild Plum. Height and spread is 20 to 25 feet. It's white, pungently sweet blossoms emerge in early spring and fruit is sweet when fully ripe, making excellent jelly and jam. Will grow just about anywhere.

Packet Q Prefers sun	Winterberry Holly <u>ILEX VERTICILLATA</u> 1-2 ft. seedlings	\$10.00 3/packet
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One of the best plants for fall and winter color. Female plants produce bright red berries while the leaves are dark green. The leaves will turn yellow in late fall. Height and spread 6-12 feet. Likes acid soil and can be used as a wetland plant. A good shrub as a screen or background. **Attracts winter song birds.**

GROUNDCOVERS

Packet R Prefers full/partial sun	Arrowwood Viburnum <u>VIBURNUM DENTATUM</u> 18-24 inch seedlings	\$10.00 3/packet
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A dense round shrub which had a tendency to produce large numbers of basal stems. Good in hedges, groupings and masses. White spring flowers produce purple colored fruit which birds like.

Packet G1 Prefers sun	Blue Rug Juniper <u>JUNIPERUS HORIZONTALIS</u> 3-8 inches in pots	\$12.00 5/Package
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Hugs the ground in a low trailing fashion. Beautiful, silver-blue foliage. Center of plant remains full. Average mature height is 6 inches and spread is 3 feet. This ground cover likes lots of sun and well drained soil. Used in areas with a hard-to-mow slope.

Packet G2 Shade only	Pachysandra <u>PACHYSANDRA TERMINALIS</u> Tray of 32 plants	\$16.00
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Attractive rapid growing evergreen ground cover plant with bright green leaves. Small white flowers in early May. Clipping in early spring stimulates new growth. Plant 1 ft. apart in good loose soil and no competition from other plants for rapid growth and dense cover.

Packet G3 Prefers partial shade.	Periwinkle <u>VINCA MINOR</u> Tray of 48 plants	\$16.00
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Nonaggressive evergreen that grows to a height of 4 to 5 inches. It spreads by stolons and grows quickly. Violet blue flowers in spring. Prepare loose soil with no competing roots. Can be slow to establish, but be patient. It's worth the wait.

Packet G4 Sun or shade	Winter Creeper <u>EUONYMUS FORTUNEI 'COLORATA'</u> Tray of 48 plants	\$16.00
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Fast growing. Provides year-round color and thick foliage. Ideal for large areas. Green leaves turn purplish red in winter. Grows 12 to 18 inches high. Very dependable and versatile. Will survive even the harshest winters.

Packet G5 Prefers shade	English Ivy <u>HEDERA HELIX</u> Tray of 48 plants	\$16.00
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English Ivy grows to a height of 6 to 10 inches. Has a dark green Maple-like leaf on trailing branches. Will survive in the harshest winters.

Packet G6 Prefers sun	Crown Vetch <u>CORONILLA VARIA</u> Tray of 48 plants	\$16.00
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A fast growing perennial ground cover for banks, slopes, and large problem areas. Produces pinkish white flowers from June until frost. Grows 12 to 18 in. tall. Very Hardy. Planted on 24 inch centers, this packet will plant 200 square feet.

BOOKLETS

B1	Enjoying Hummingbirds More	\$2.75
B2	Enjoying Butterflies More	\$2.75
B3	Enjoying Bluebirds More	\$2.75
B4	Enjoying Bird Feeding More	\$2.75
B5	Identification Guide to Backyard Birds	\$2.75
B6	A Guide to Bird Homes	\$2.75
B7	The Backyard Bird Watchers Answer Guide	\$2.75

NEW BIRD HOUSES **NEW**

BH1	Wild Bird House	\$8.00
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This red cedar birdhouse is ideal for cavity nesting birds. Includes durable rope for hanging and bottom slides out for easy cleaning. See picture on page 1.

BH2	Nesting Box	\$10.00
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Made from red cedar, this nesting box is naturally weather resistant and ideal for Bluebirds. Includes mounting hardware and hinged door for easy clean out. See picture on page 1.

WILDFLOWER SEEDS

S1	Bird and Butterfly Seed Mix	\$4.00
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This 1/2 oz. packet covers 250 sq. ft.

S2	Hummingbird Seed Mix	\$4.00
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This 1/2 oz. packet has a special formulation for hummingbird forages.

S3	Wildflower Seed Mix	\$4.00
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This 1 oz. packet contains a blend of 20 different annual and perennial wildflower varieties

2007 Order Form - Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District

Pkt	Description	Plants/Pkt.	Plant Size	Price/Pkt.	# of Pkts .	Total Cost	Pkt
A	Colorado Blue Spruce	10	3YR. 10-18"	\$10.00			A
B	Scotch Pine	10	3YR. 8-16"	\$10.00			B
C	Eastern White Pine	10	4YR. 16-24"	\$12.00			C
D	Norway Spruce	10	4YR. 16-28"	\$12.00			D
E	Canadian Hemlock	5	15-30"	\$12.00			E
F	Kousa Dogwood	3	18-24"	\$12.00			F
G	Butterfly Bush	3	18-24"	\$10.00			G
H	Common Lilac	3	18-24"	\$10.00			H
I	Tuliptree	1	2-3' 1 gal.	\$12.00			I
J	Redbud	1	3-4' 1 gal.	\$12.00			J
K	Blackgum	1	3-5' 1 gal.	\$12.00			K
L	River Birch	1	4-5' bare root	\$9.00			L
M	Autumn Blaze Maple	1	3-4' 1 gal.	\$12.00			M
O	Green Weeping Willow	1	4-5' 1 gal.	\$12.00			O
P	American Plum	1	3-4' bare root	\$5.00			P
Q	Winterberry Holly	3	3 YR. 1-2'	\$10.00			Q
R	Arrowwood Viburnum	3	18-24"	\$10.00			R
G-1	Blue Rug Juniper	5	3-8" in pots	\$12.00			G-1
G-2	Pachysandra	38/tray	1 year	\$16.00			G-2
G-3	Periwinkle	48/tray	1 year	\$16.00			G-3
G-4	Winter Creeper	48/tray	1 year	\$16.00			G-4
G-5	English Ivy	48/tray	1 year	\$16.00			G-5
G-6	Crown Vetch	48/tray	1 year	\$16.00			G-6
B1	Enjoying Hummingbirds	1	Booklet	\$2.75			B1
B2	Enjoying Butterflies	1	Booklet	\$2.75			B2
B3	Enjoying Bluebirds	1	Booklet	\$2.75			B3
B4	Enjoying Bird Feeders	1	Booklet	\$2.75			B4
B5	ID Guide to Backyard Birds	1	Booklet	\$2.75			B5
B6	A Guide to Bird Homes	1	Booklet	\$2.75			B6
B7	The Backyard Bird Watcher's Answer Guide	1	Booklet	\$2.75			B7
BH1	Wild Bird House	1	Bird House	\$8.00			BH1
BH2	Bluebird Nesting Box	1	Bird House	\$10.00			BH2
S1	Bird and Butterfly seed	1	1/2 Oz	\$4.00			S1
S2	Hummingbird seed	1	1/2 Oz	\$4.00			S2
S3	America Wildflower	1	1 Oz.	\$4.00			S3

Donation to Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District.... Thank You!

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Plan to attend the Woodland Management Seminar



Saturday, March 3, 2007
Sharon Woods Centre
11450 Lebanon Road, 45241 (U.S. 42)
Sharonville, OH 45241



Schedule:

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am - **Registration, Coffee & Donuts Provided**
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am - **Welcome & History of the Forest Land in SW Ohio**
Steve Sandfort, Chair - Hamilton Co. SWCD & Consulting Forester
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am - **Developing a Land Management Plan**
Patrick Migliozi, Service Forester, ODNR Div. of Forestry
Scott Costello, Costello Forestry Consulting, LLC
- Using a State Forester vs. a Consultant
 - Planting to Harvesting
 - Becoming a Certified Tree Farmer
- 10:30 am – 11:15 am - **Maximizing Wildlife Diversity**
Heidi Devine, Private Lands Wildlife Biologist, Div. of Wildlife
- 11:15 am – 11:45 am - **Local, State, and Federal Assistance and Tax Reductions**
Jeff Barnes, Soil Conservationist, USDA/NRCS
Holly Utrata-Halcomb, Admin. Hamilton Co. SWCD
- 11:45 am – 12:15 pm - **Catered Lunch**
- 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm - **Land Owner Liability Statues**
Steve Sandfort
- 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm - **Non-Traditional Forestry Managements and Small Woodlots**
Patrick Migliozi
- 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm - **Emerald Ash Borer**
Patrick Migliozi
- 2:45 pm – 3: 45 pm - **Chain Saw Safety**
Rick Bryan, Stihl Equipment



This event is being sponsored by Clermont SWCD, Hamilton SWCD, Butler SWCD, Hamilton Co. Park District, Ohio Division of Wildlife, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Registration

Fee - \$17.00 – Includes all material, continental breakfast and lunch

Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Send above information with check or money order to Hamilton County SWCD, 29 Triangle Park Dr., Suite 2901, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246. If additional people wish to attend, please add their name(s) on a separate piece of paper. Call 513-772-7645 for more information.

If your address is incorrect or you would like to be added / removed from our mailing list, please contact us at (513) 732-7075

- Woodland Management Seminar
- NACD pushed for Farm Bill funding
- "Call before you cut"
- River Sweep
- Horse Pasture School
- Pond Clinic
- Tree and Groundcover Sale

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Believe it or not, Spring is coming!

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East Fork River Sweep set for Apr. 28

Mark your calendars now! Volunteers are needed for the 15th annual East Fork River Sweep. This annual event will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Clean up efforts will focus on selected segments of the East Fork Little Miami River that will be determined within the next month. We will also "sweep" shoreline areas at East Fork Lake and Stonelick Lake.

Volunteers can either walk the riverbanks or use a provided canoe to collect litter. Gloves and trash bags are provided as well. Free T-shirts and a picnic lunch will be given to all volunteers at the conclusion of the clean-up.

Got a group? We encourage you to organize a group at work, at church, or in your club or civic organization for the River Sweep. Your "Team" can have fun while helping to protect



the river. This is an excellent public service opportunity for scout troops, 4-H groups, fraternities, sororities, etc.

If you would like to participate in the East Fork River Sweep, call the SWCD office at 732-7075 and ask for watershed coordinator Jason Brown.

NOTE: Children under 18 will need to have a waiver signed by their parents to participate.

Calendar of Events	
Tree Sale	Ongoing (get orders in ASAP)
SWCD Board Meeting	Feb. 14 - 6pm
Horse & Pasture School	Feb. 20 - 6-8pm
Woodland Management Seminar	Mar. 3 - 8:30-4pm
SWCD Board Meeting	Mar. 8 - 6pm
Pond Clinic	Apr. 11 - 6-9pm
SWCD Board Meeting	Apr. 12 - 6pm
Tree Sales Pickup	Apr. 21 - 8:30-2pm
East Fork River Sweep	Apr. 28 - 9-1pm