



Clearwater's Conservation Chronicles



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CD3 System Installed

Clearwater Lake Gains New AIS Equipment

CD3 system was installed at the Clearwater Lake Access last August thanks to the cooperative agreement between Clearwater SWCD, Clearwater County, the CLAA and the MN DNR. The system will be available to use all boating season long to practice CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY. and help keep aquatic invasive species out of our county. The system consists of a wet/dry vacuum, a blower system, lights and other tools for all boaters to utilize for free!

Clearwater SWCD & US Fish and Wildlife Native Seed Partnership

Native Seed Available with Program

Do you have a piece of land that you would like to plant native seeds on? The Clearwater SWCD is offering the opportunity to receive free native pollinator seed through a partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Parcels in Clearwater County between ½ and 3 acres are eligible for this program, and if a contract is signed, the parcel will need to remain managed as a pollinator planting for 10 years. A summarized version of the contract is available on our website if you are interested in learning more.

This fall we assisted with the planting of our first signed contract using one of our no-till drills. The US Fish and Wildlife Service obtained a seed mix for this planting that contained 41 different native species! The planting was about 1.5 acres and the landowner only had to put a couple hours of labor into prepping the site for planting. If this opportunity interests you give us a call at our office and we can help you make this happen!



2024 Tree Sale

Once again, it's time to think about ordering trees! Each year we sell a variety of native conifers, shrubs, fruiting and deciduous trees. We also offer Orchard, Bird & Grouse and Jam & Jelly packs for a larger variety. Our bare root trees are typically 1-2 feet in height and are locally grown in Minnesota and North Dakota. Most of our species come in bundles of 25 and range from \$15 to \$33 per bundle. We cannot sell bundles of less than 25 trees, unless already noted on the form. The deadline to turn in your tree order form is any time before the first day of tree pick-up.



We are also selling a variety of Minnesota native flowers and grasses. We will be selling our flowers and grasses in specific packs. There are a variety of packs to choose from. The packs are sold as 36 plants with 6 different species. Species included in the packs will vary based on current inventory and availability from the nursery but will have a variety of bloom times and colors. The flowers and grasses are locally grown and from MN Native Landscapes. You can check out what the packs may consist of at their website: <https://mnlcorp.com/product-category/plants/plant-kits/>. Please be aware that the deadline to turn in your flower and grass form is April 1st (and that's no joke!).

We will start accepting order forms in January 2024. Please mail in or visit the office to drop off your order form. A check (preferred method) or cash value of your total amount is expected with your order form. Clearwater SWCD does not accept credit/debit cards. Be sure to provide your email and phone number so that we may inform you of any changes. Notifications that tree pick-up dates are nearing are exclusively sent by email.

Please remember that all our trees, flowers and grasses are first come, first serve. If you think we will sell out of a specific species, and we do sell out frequently, turn in your order form and payment ASAP. You can always check our website at www.clearwaterswcd.com/annual-tree-sale for updates. We typically announce that certain species are sold out on the online PDF order form daily. If you have a large order or are purchasing trees or flowers to use in a program, it may be easier to give us a call at (218) 694-6845 ext. 4 to make sure all your needed plants are available.

We're happy to announce our pick-up location is once again back at the DNR Forestry building at 36452 State Hwy 92, Bagley, MN 56621. We still enjoy the smoothness of having our pick-ups done by car so please stay in your vehicle during pick up so we can quickly grab everyone's plants with ease. Our pick-up dates are planned as May 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for updates regarding our sale season.

As always please feel free to email us or give our office a call for any questions, concerns, or planting tips!

Annual Flyers: Pages 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

Custom Services!

Tree Planting:

Staff will plant by hand or machine (tractor not provided).



Brush Mowing:

Staff will mow tall brush with provided ATV and mower.



Broadcast Seeding:

Staff will broadcast seed.



Volunteers Wanted!

Help keep our lakes healthy by
volunteering!

Clearwater SWCD is looking for reliable citizens to help us evaluate the health of our county's lakes that we all enjoy! Volunteers would take a water sample of given lake 5 times a year during the months of June through September. If you or someone you know lives on or near the following lakes and are interested in helping us gather vital data, please contact Brielle Prokosch at the office for more information! We'd love your help next summer!

- ♣ Bagley ♣ Big LaSalle ♣ Falk
- ♣ Johnson ♣ Lone ♣ Rockstad
- ♣ Moose ♣ Minnow ♣ Pine



Soil Health Equipment Rentals!

No-till Drills to interseed pastures, plant cover crops & more! →



Two different Drills to choose from!



Sprayer for removing unwanted plants or prep the field! →



Aerator for breaking up sod & increasing infiltration!





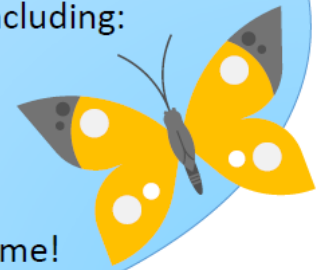
Environmental Education Classes Coming Soon!



Keep an eye out for our classes in the local paper or on our Facebook page!

We are hoping to give classes on a multitude of environmental education classes this year including:

- Rain Barrels
- Composting
- Pollinators
- And more in the years to come!



Thank You

*To all our wonderful volunteers and local partners:
we are sincerely grateful for your support!
Thank you for another fantastic year!*



\$10 Composters for Sale

Lightweight! Expandable! Easy to Use!
Designed for heat and moisture retention to accelerate decomposition.

Purchase one for all your composting needs at our SWCD office or at the Clearwater County Environmental Services office in the courthouse.

Can hold up to 246 gallons at 36 inches tall.

**Only available while supplies lasts.

Did you know the NRCS is available in the same building as the SWCD?



The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is available for forest, pasture, and cropland conservation assistance! Financial and Technical help is available. The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) financially helps you address a specific set of resource concerns including, but not limited to - improving wildlife habitat, fixing a soil erosion problem, and improving pasture conditions. The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) provides five years of annual payments rewarding you for being good stewards of the land and implementing certain activities to take your conservation above and beyond. Financial programs are competitive and not guaranteed but applicable technical assistance is always available.

Contact Nate Brandt at 218-694-6584 or 320-423-0194 for more info.

50%

Reimbursement of total cost for Bacteria and Nitrates series well test

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Clearwater SWCD will pay 50% of water test costs through RMB labs if the participant is willing to share a copy of the test results.

All participant information
will remain confidential.

Program participants within the Mississippi Watershed pay for their own tests in full, and then Clearwater SWCD reimburses 50% of total cost for Bacteria and nitrates series tests once a copy of the test results from RMB are provided to the SWCD.

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Clearwater County Rain Gauge

Clearwater SWCD, along with local volunteers, have been working with the Minnesota Climatology Network to gather rainfall data since 1978. We currently have volunteers collecting rainfall data in Copley, Eddy, Falk, Greenwood, Itasca, Minerva, Moose Creek, Pine Lake, Popple, and Rice townships.

Clearwater County Average Annual Rainfall 2023



✳️Clearwater's Puzzle Page! ✳️

This newsletter's event: **Word Scramble**

Unscramble the words that are found throughout the newsletter!

ENRSETEWTL

OILS HTHLEA

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ELTEAWRRCA

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ONTNEVIMERNLA

LARNIFAL

EROUESSRC

SAVNTAIRNOEC

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Answers: Newsletter, Soil Health, Technician, Aerator, Volunteers, Partnership, Clearwater, Invasive Species, Pollinators, Environmental, Rainfall, Resources, Conservation, Decomposition, Interseed

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Mission:

Our mission is simple - to promote the wise use and improvement of our county resources, in order that future generations will inherit an economically viable county that has made wise choices in resource management.

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