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Tree Order Forms Are Now Available

The 2022 Tree Order Forms are now available in the office. The species available are: Red Osier Dogwood, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, Bald Cypress. Also Black Cherry, Black Walnut, Black Chokeberry, Pin Oak, Bur Oak, Red Bud, Sugar Maple, and Swamp White Oak. The seedlings are packaged in packets of ten.



Two seed packets are offered. America Wildflower and Butterfly/Hummingbird blend.

The Wildflower seed contains 12 different annual and 17 different perennial species adapted for this area. The Butterfly/Hummingbird blend contains 18 different annual and 5

different perennial varieties. Each 1 ounce packet will cover approximately 300 square feet.

This program is open to the public and orders will be accepted until March 25, 2022. Payment is required when orders are placed. There is no warranty or guarantee on the seedlings.

Orders will be available for pickup from the office at the end of April. An email will be sent with information on the specific pickup dates and time. Please

be sure to include your email address on your order form.

Stop in the office if you have questions or need help in developing a planting plan for a windbreak. Pictures and species information are available.

H2Ohio Update by Kady Fuhrmann H2Ohio Technician

H2Ohio News:

New H2Ohio Contracts

For producers who just enrolled into the H2Ohio program, practices can not start until after March 15th 2022.

All H2Ohio Producers

Anyone enrolled in the Manure Inc., Small grains, and Cover Crop practices will receive payments, if all program requirements are fulfilled, after March 15, 2022.

I have started to send out monthly Newsletters to keep everyone involved in H2Ohio informed and updated about changes or upcoming deadlines. I am doing my best to understand the practices and guidelines as you all are. Please ask questions and voice concerns so we can work together in finding

the correct answers.

H2Ohio Reminders:

All records for 2021 crop year need to be turned into Kady ASAP!!

Remind App: Please join the remind text messages to receive important information, updates, deadlines, etc.... for H2Ohio. To join, text @vw20 to the number 81010.

Stay organized: For this program I ask for records and documentation. Please when purchasing any fertilizer or seed (wheat, forages, cover crop) keep any sort of receipt, bill, invoice, tag, etc..., so I can have a copy. Keep records of what you are applying (when, where, how much). These are what I am going to ask for come time to verify your practices.

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Education Update

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The 2021 school year has been busy and fun. The students are very eager to have new and different experiences in the classroom. We are back to doing many of the presentations in person and with all the exciting activities and lessons. I am hoping this will be able to continue. I am looking forward to the second semester of school, the summer planning, and summer

programs. If you know a teacher, girl scout/boy scout, 4-H, home school, or other youth leader who would like to arrange a presentation please tell them to email me or call the office to set up a presentation. We are planning new summer opportunities for students so watch for the details. I am so very excited to help the students and teachers explore the science

world around each of us and learn a tiny bit about conservation.

**We would like to thank the Van Wert County Foundation for their generous donation each year that allows us to provide the supplies that are needed for these presentations.



Fish Fingerlings for Sale

The SWCD will be taking orders for fish fingerlings soon. The types of fish available are: largemouth bass, blue gill, channel catfish, minnow, shell-cracker, crappie, perch, and white amur. The fish are available in lots of 10-25, as stated on the order form. The minnow is available in lots of 100 (500 min) and the white amur are ordered individually (2 min).

The fish sale is an opportunity for pond owners to stock or restock the ponds at a reasonable cost.



The fish will be delivered to the SWCD office on Friday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Stocking recommendations for a one acre pond are:

- ✧ 100 largemouth bass
- ✧ 500 blue gill
- ✧ 100 channel catfish
- ✧ 500-1000 fat head minnow

Orders will be accepted until April 29. Payment is expected when placing the order.

The fish will be delivered to the SWCD office on Friday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.

White amur recommendations are based on the amount of weed cover in the pond. If the pond has 20-40% vegetation the recommendation is 10 amur; above 40% weed cover the recommendation is 15 amur.

Orders will be boxed and ready at the time of delivery. Order forms are available in the office or on the website.



Winter Manure Application

With the winter season upon us, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation would like to remind producers and nutrient applicators of laws and restrictions on manure application.

Ohio Senate Bill 1 clarifies and enhances the restrictions on manure application within the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB).

Application restrictions in the WLEB include:

- On snow-covered or frozen soil;
- When the top 2 inches of the soil are saturated from precipitation;
- When the local weather forecast for the application area contains greater than fifty percent chance of precipitation exceeding one-half inch in a 24-hour period. Applica-

tors are responsible for checking and keeping forecast information before application. Any source of weather prediction is acceptable.

Restrictions do not apply if:

- The manure is injected into the ground;
- Manure is incorporated within 24 hours of surface application, using a tillage tool operated at a minimum of 3-4 inches deep;
- The manure is applied onto a growing crop;
- The chief of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation has provided written consent for an emergency application. Contact the division in case of an emergency.

For those producers who are signed up for the H2Ohio manure incorporation practices, it is important to note that the program will not pay for winter manure application as stated in the program guidelines.

Producers are reminded to use best management practices when applying manure and follow USDA NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Standard 590.

For more information about manure application, producers and applicators can contact the ODA Division of Soil and Water Conservation at 614-265-6610 or dswc@agri.ohio.gov.



The Nature Conservancy has an ongoing project in the Maumee watershed and are looking for progressive farmers to advocate for soil health and best management practices. The focus of the project is to promote farmers learning from each other about building soil health with cover crops, soil sampling, tillage, and other BMP's. There is an application for those interested, as well as some training and requests for them as they spend their time as a farmer advocate. Each "Farmer Advocate" will be compensated for their time to attend training and work with other farmers. If interested, please contact the Soil and Water office and we get you in touch with the right people.

Happy New Year!

The Van Wert SWCD would like to wish everyone a very happy new year. We thank you for your support throughout the year and are here to help in any way we can. Please contact our office at 419-238-9591 with any questions or concerns. We have many projects we work on throughout the year and are happy to serve the Van Wert County community.



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Upcoming 2022 Dates ~

January 3	Tree Seedling/ Fish Sale Begins
January 12	SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
January 17	MLK Day– Holiday
January 19	Park District Board Meeting—2 PM
February 9	SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
February 16	Park District Meeting—2 PM
February 21	President's Day– Holiday
March 9	SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
March 16	Park District Meeting—2 PM
March 25	End of tree sale

*****Please Note:** We are now charging sales tax on all items purchased. The rate is 7.25%. We will accept tax exemption forms, if applicable. Forms can be found at tax.ohio.gov.