



Spring 2019

**Our Mission:**

**“To promote the wise use of our natural resources through service and education”**

**Don't Dump!**

**What to Do With Household Hazardous Waste**

With spring cleaning just around the corner, many residents will encounter leftover paint, chemicals, solvents, and automotive fluids that they may not know how to dispose of.



These items should never be dumped down the storm drain or in the street because they go directly to our streams, rivers, lakes, and water supplies. Instead of dumping them, there are safer ways to dispose of hazardous household chemicals and automotive fluids that do not threaten our water quality or public health.

In an effort to prevent household hazardous waste contamination, Clermont County and the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District have worked hard to make the disposal of household hazardous waste more convenient for County residents. Disposing of old motor oil, brake or transmission fluid, and antifreeze can be tough. The good news is that residents can bring these used fluids, at no cost, to the Fleet Management garage, located on Filager Road just off SR 222 north of Batavia. These items are accepted Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Other hazardous household chemicals such as paints, thinners, and solvents can also be disposed of properly. Unused latex paint can be left open in the container and disposed of in general waste after it has dried. There are also local outlets for other materials, such as tires, car batteries, nickel-cadmium batteries, propane tanks and more. You can search for disposal or recycling locations at <http://oeq.net/recycling/>.

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**Nutrient Management Workshop**

**February 28, 2019 9 am - noon**

**Clermont County Fairgrounds 4-H Hall**

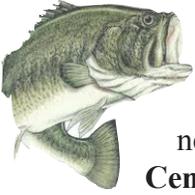
- Topics:**
- Soil Testing & Tristate Fertility Guide
  - Variable Rate Technology
  - Farmers Panel
  - Vendors

**Register Today: [www.clermontswcd.org/nutrient-management-workshop/](http://www.clermontswcd.org/nutrient-management-workshop/)**

**Or call our office at 513-732-7075 x-2**

**\*Coffee and donuts will be provided by Clermont County Farm Bureau**

## JOIN US FOR OUR REVAMPED ANNUAL POND CLINIC



We've improved our clinic this year. There will be additional speakers, a new breakout session format and a new location at the **Cincinnati Nature Center**. This will give you additional guidance on owning and maintaining ponds.

### Check out our agenda:

Come early for our **pond walk with experts** if you desire. Weather dependent 4 pm-5 pm. We will discuss what we find including plant life, pond problems and maybe look at some macro invertebrates. This will be an easy hike, but may include uneven terrain.

Guest Speaker: **Eugene Braig**, Program Director of Ohio State University Extension Aquatic Ecosystems Program, will deliver the opening presentation regarding healthy fisheries.

Breakout Session 1A: **Ponds 101** Jake Hahn with Clermont SWCD brings 10 years of pond assistance tips and guidance. For those who are new with management or those that are thinking of building.

or

Breakout Session 1B: **Fish Stocking** with Jones Fish Hatchery. What fish will be most successful in your pond and what fish should you stock that you don't know about.

Breakout Session 2A: **Pond Weed Control** with Jones Fish Hatchery. Learn to ID and manage plants in your pond from those who deal with it every day.

or

Breakout Session 2B: **The Benefits of Riparian Buffers**, along with certain plants that are suitable for pond habitat and attracting wildlife with Olivia Espinoza of the Cincinnati Nature Center.

Cincinnati Nature Center- Rowe Woods  
4949 Tealtown Road Milford, OH 45150

Tuesday April 9th, 2019

5:30-8:00

There is no cost, but registration is required to gain free admission to the Cincinnati Nature Center. To register visit [clermontswcd.org](http://clermontswcd.org) or call 513-732-7075 for additional information until April 7th.

Clermont County Farm Bureau is providing snacks.



## Spring Litter Clean-Up - Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 -

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, **April 13, 2019**, from 9:00 a.m. – noon at various locations across Clermont County and the East Fork Little Miami River Watershed.

Volunteers are needed! You can register individually, organize a school/scout group, or bring some neighborhood friends, to participate in this fun, worthwhile event! Protective gloves and trash bags will be provided. All volunteers will be given a picnic lunch and event t-shirt as a thank you for helping out. Watch our website for locations and to register at: [www.springlittercleanup.com](http://www.springlittercleanup.com), which will be available shortly.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to our event partners: Clermont Office of Environmental Quality, Clermont County Park District, Ohio Department of Natural Resources-State Parks, US Army Corp of Engineers, and Valley View Foundation.



*Cleaning along the East Fork River in Batavia.*

## Meet new ODA Director in Brown County Event

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) new Director Dorthy Pelanda will be in Brown County for an informal meet and greet. The meeting will present the opportunity for Director Pelanda to introduce herself, share information regarding her background and listen to thoughts and ideas from members of Ohio's food and agriculture industry. The event is open to the public and hosted in conjunction with local soil and water conservation districts

Monday April 8, 2019

10 - 11 am

Brown County Fairgrounds-Admin. Mtg. Room  
325 W. State St., Georgetown OH 45121



# 2019 Conservation Plant Sale

Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District



ORDERING PLANTS IS A BREEZE AT OUR ONLINE STORE! PLEASE GO TO

[www.store.clermontswcd.org](http://www.store.clermontswcd.org) to place your order.

We accept cash and checks by mail or credit cards through our store.

**\*\*Please see our new pick up hours below!!\*\***

**T**he Clermont SWCD is offering tree and shrub seedlings, as well as a few perennials and herbs at discount prices. This program offers the opportunity for individuals to develop small areas of reforestation, wildlife enhancement, or additions to home landscaping.

Most of the seedlings described in this newsletter are from 12 inches to 3 feet tall; see order form for details.

Plants will be bare rooted; we dip the plants in a root preservative 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 can easily be placed in your car for pick up.

For detailed descriptions and photos, please visit our website at [www.store.clermontswcd.org](http://www.store.clermontswcd.org)

**\*For Best Livability, Plant Immediately\***

### Planting Tips For Bare Root Seedlings...

1. Never let roots dry out **OR** leave seedlings immersed in water for long periods as they will drown. **These are the most common causes of seedling death!**
2. Make your planting hole deep enough to accommodate the roots. Plant so that the roots are free, not cramped. Trim any broken roots. **DO NOT TRIM TAP ROOT, but it is better to prune the auxiliary roots with scissors than to wad or curl the roots to make them fit** in your planting hole.
3. Plant the seedling at same depth as it was in the nursery. Ground level should be where the roots stop and the stem begins.
4. Water thoroughly. Do not fertilize at this time.
5. Mulch, mulch, mulch! Dried grass clippings, ground up leaves or commercially available organic mulches will suppress weeds and hold in moisture.
6. **WATER SEEDLINGS FAITHFULLY FOR THE FIRST 2 YEARS!**

## Jr Fair Board To Sell Annual Baskets, Planters, and Veggies April 27th

When you come by to pick up your Conservation Sale orders, stop in and visit the Junior Fair Board's Sale. A selection of flowering baskets, planters and individual plants will be available from 8:00 AM to Noon or until the flowers are gone! The proceeds from this sale will go towards ribbons and trophies for the 2019 Clermont County Fair.

**Orders Deadline: April 9, 2019**

**Please call Clermont SWCD for availability after this date!**

**NEW Pick Up Dates:** Friday April 26, noon - 4 pm, **AND** Saturday April 27, 8 am - Noon

**Where:** Clermont County Fairgrounds, Commercial Building

**Please order early to guarantee availability. Thank you!**



# 2019 Conservation Plant Sale



**Packet A**      **Arborvitae (White Cedar)**      **\$11.00**  
 Prefers sun      THUJA OCCIDENTALIS      3/pkt.  
 12-18" bare root

**Native To Ohio;** The narrow, pyramid shape makes it a natural choice for windbreaks. Mature size is 40-60' tall and 10-15' wide. Susceptible to deer/wildlife browsing and bagworms. Medium growth rate.

**Packet B**      **Dawn Redwood**      **\$11.00**  
 Prefers sun      METASEQUOIA GLYPTOSTROBOIDES      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

Growing to a mature height of 100', this large tree needs a large space. Excellent landscape specimen or street tree. Very fast grower - up to 2' per year.

**Packet C**      **White Pine**      **\$11.00**  
 Sun, partial shade      PINUS STROBUS      3/pkt.  
 12-18" bare root

**Native To Ohio;** 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 drier slopes. Grows to 100 ft. at maturity. Excellent for windbreaks and ornamental use.

**Packet D**      **Red Oak**      **\$11.00**  
 Full sun      QUERCUS RUBRA      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

**Native Species;** The Red Oak is valued for its adaptability and usefulness, including its hardiness in urban settings. This medium to large tree is also known for its brilliant fall color and great value to wildlife.

**Packet E**      **Black Willow**      **\$11.00**  
 Sun/Part Shade      SALIX NIGRA      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

**Native Species;** One of the worlds largest willows to a height of 30-60'. This tree is great at holding streambanks and around lakes as it likes moist to wet soils. This tree attracts butterflies, birds, and bees. Can tolerate poor soil, but needs water. Downside is weak branch structure.

**Packet F**      **White Flowering Dogwood**      **11.00**  
 Shade to full sun      CORNUS FLORIDA      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

**Native Species;** small tree with spectacular white flowers in early spring. Tolerates shade as well as full sun. Excellent as a landscaping tree. Red fruits are an important food for many birds and other wildlife species. Height & spread: 15-25 ft.

**Packet G**      **Eastern Redbud**      **\$11.00**  
 Prefers partial shade      CERCIS CANADENSIS      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

**Native Species;** brilliant purple flowers in early spring. Very effective in mass plantings / naturalized settings. Large, dark green heart-shaped leaves turn bright yellow in fall. **Northern bobwhite and songbirds eat** the seeds and this tree provides nesting sites and cover for both birds and small mammals. Grows to 25 feet.

**Packet H**      **Sweet Bay Magnolia**      **\$11.00**  
 Full/Partial Sun      MAGNOLIA VIRGINIANA      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

This small semi-evergreen grows to a height of 10-35' and enjoys moist to wet soil including clay. Flowers are 2-3" creamy white blossom with subtle lemon scent in late spring to early summer. Can be grown as a multi-stemmed trunk. Best of all, the tree, which has no known pest or disease problems, provides larval food for swallowtail butterflies. Not to be confused with Southern Magnolia that leave messy leaves and pods throughout the year.

**Packet I**      **Buttonbush**      **\$11.00**  
 Sun/Part Shade      CEPHALANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

**Native Species;** Happiest in wet soils, this native can be found in wetlands and pond margins. Great for stream & pond edges for erosion control and cover for fish, ducks and ducklings. Does well in drier soils with watering. Mature height 10 feet.

**Packet J**      **Spicebush**      **\$11.00**  
 Sun/Part Shade      LINDERA BENZOIN      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

**Native Species;** A light fragrance, yellow fall color and pest tolerance makes this plant perfect for the shrub border. **The Spicebush attracts birds and butterflies and serves as host plant for butterfly larva.** Rabbits and deer browse on leaves and twigs. Mature height of 10-20 feet. Spicy yellow to red fruit are a delicacy, as few shrubs set fruit.

**Packet K**      **Nannyberry Viburnum**      **\$11.00**  
 Sun to Part Sun      VIBURNUM LENTAGO      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

**Native Species;** Nannyberry is a large, upright, multi-stemmed, suckering shrub which typically grows to 10-18' tall with a spread of 6-12', but may also be grown as a small, single trunk tree which may reach a height of 28'. This is a very adaptable shrub that can grow in shade or sun. White flowers give way in autumn to blue-black, berry-like drupes which often persist into winter and are **quite attractive to birds and wildlife. Fruits are edible and may be eaten off the bush when ripe or used in jams and jellies.**

**Packet L**      **Black Chokeberry**      **\$11.00**  
 Full to Part Sun      ARONIA MELANOCARPA      3/pkt.  
 18-24" bare root

**Native Species;** Small shrub (reaching 3-6 feet at maturity) White flowers in the spring are followed by handsome purplish black fruits later in the year. Glossy green foliage turns wine-red in the fall. Because of suckering and its tolerance to wet soils, this species is used in mass plantings, naturalized gardens, for erosion control, in windbreaks, and in landscapes **with excessively wet soils.** Berries are consumed by **24 different species of wildlife, but less preferred by deer.**

## PERENNIALS / HERBS

**Packet G1**      **Lavender 'Hidcote Blue'**      **\$3.50 ea.**  
 Full Sun      *LAVANDULA ANGUSTIFOLIA*      3" pots

**HERB, Pollinator Plant;** Purple-blue flowers and fragrant gray foliage. 'Hidcote' is a compact mounded form typically growing to 20" tall. May be kept dense with regular pruning. Well-drained soils are required, particularly in winter. Root rot attacks plants grown in poorly drained soils - drought tolerant.

A famous English Lavender, its blooms are distilled to provide one of the purest true lavender scents. To dry flowers, pick when showing color but before fully open.

**Packet G2**      **Purple Coneflower**      **\$3.50 ea.**  
 Sun or Part Sun      *ECHINACEA PURPUREA*      3" pots

**Pollinator Plant - Native:** The most popular of wildflowers, this member of the sunflower family can grow to 3' tall and 10" wide. An **excellent nectar source** for bees and butterflies, including Monarchs. Easy to grow in any soil, the coneflower is easily divided and makes beautiful cut flowers.

**Packet G3**      **Jacob's Ladder**      **\$3.50 ea.**  
 Part Shade/Shade      *POLEMONIUM CAERULEUM*      3" pots

**Pollinator Plant -** This mounding plant has deep green foliage that resembles a ladder and bluish flowers during late spring to summer. This is an easy flower to care for and is deer resistant. At 1-3' tall and 1.5-2' spread it is attractive to birds, bees, and butterflies. Recommended planting around taller plants or in part shade to reduce leaf scorch. Seeds are prolific and can spread this plant if old flowers not removed.

## POLLINATOR PLANTS

**Packet G4**      **ZINNIA (Annual)**      **\$2.50 ea.**  
 Sun      PROFUSION SERIES MIX      3" pots

**Pollinator Plant:** Single flower zinnias attract and benefit pollinators, typically bees and butterflies. Their bright colors draw pollinators to a garden. Monarch butterflies in particular love zinnias, pollinating them and using them for food. This is a hardy plant that blooms...profusely!

**Packet G5**      **Trumpet Honeysuckle (Vine)**      **\$10.00**  
 Full sun      *LONICERA SEMPERVIRENS*      1 gal. pot

**Pollinator Plant - Native:** This climbing vine, to 10' tall, should not be confused with the invasive honeysuckles in our area. This plant is beneficial to hummingbirds with its trumpet-like orange-scarlet flowers. Needs fence or trellis to grow upright. Sometimes berries are produced, but are not commonly spread by birds. Non-fragrant flowers bloom in April-June.

## RAIN STATION™ RAIN BARREL \$80.00

The use of rain barrels lowers municipal water demands and saves energy at water treatment facilities by reducing water pollution and storm water runoff.

### FEATURES

- 50 gallon capacity
- Large opening lid with locking feature
- Lid can be reversed to act as a planter
- FlexiFit™ diverter and all parts included for installation. FlexiFit™ diverter returns rainwater to downspout when barrel is full - no spillover
- 10 Year UV Resistance



AVAILABLE IN TERRA COTTA OR GRANITE  
 PLEASE SPECIFY  
LIMITED QUANTITIES

## Stabilization of Streams and Ponds

Stream banks and pond edges require specialized plants that require large amounts of moisture and have the rooting structure to hold the banks in place. The more cover that you have on your banks, the better they will be protected. A good mixture of trees, shrubs and grasses is recommended for best protection. This year we have multiple trees and shrubs that could be used in these sometimes challenging areas, including willow and buttonbush. Most of our other plants can be planted higher on the banks or on the drier floodplains.

Our office offers free guidance on bank protection. Depending on your situation, plantings may be your first alternative for protection. Often times however, earthwork or "hard" protection such as rock is needed for better success. There are many reasons why banks fail and ways to best protect them. Give our office a call for an assessment of your property.



Stream Bank Erosion

# 2019 CONSERVATION PLANT SALE ORDER FORM

To pay by **credit card**, please order online at [store.clermontswcd.org](http://store.clermontswcd.org)

Pkt.	Description	Plants/Pkt.	Plant Size	Price/pkt.	#of Pkts.	Total Cost	Pkt.
A	Arborvitae (White Cedar)	3	12-18"	\$11.00			A
B	Dawn Redwood	3	18-24"	\$11.00			B
C	White Pine	3	12-18"	\$11.00			C
D	Red Oak	3	18-24"	\$11.00			D
E	Black Willow	3	18-24"	\$11.00			E
F	White Flowering Dogwood	3	18-24"	\$11.00			F
G	Eastern Redbud	3	18-24"	\$11.00			G
H	Sweet Bay Magnolia	3	18-24"	\$11.00			H

## SHRUBS

I	Buttonbush	3	18-24"	\$11.00			I
J	Spicebush	3	18-24"	\$11.00			J
K	Nannyberry Viburnum	3	18-24"	\$11.00			K
L	Black Chokeberry	3	18-24"	\$11.00			L

## HERBS & PERENNIALS

G-1	Lavendar 'Hidcote Blue'	1	3" pot	\$3.50			G-1
G-2	Purple Coneflower	1	3" pot	\$3.50			G-2
G-3	Jacob's Ladder	1	3" pot	\$3.50			G-3

## ANNUALS FOR POLLINATORS

G-4	Zinnia <i>Profusion Series</i>	1	3" pot	\$2.50			G-4
G-5	Trumpet Honeysuckle	1	1 gal. pot	\$10.00			G-5

## RAIN BARRELS

RB	Rain Barrel - Please circle color Terracotta or Granite	1		\$80.00			RB
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Donations to Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District. **Thank You!!**  
All proceeds and donations go towards conservation education and outreach programs.

**Total Due:**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ email address: Mailing list for next year's sale!

To pay by **check**, make check payable to: **Clermont SWCD** and mail to:  
PO Box 549, Owensville, OH 45160-0549

Please make arrangements to pick up your order April 26th or 27th, as we cannot ship or hold orders.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

**ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 9TH - To order after this date, please call for availability.**

## Want to Get Serious About Single Use Plastic Waste?

Single-use plastics, or disposable plastics, are used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. These items are things like plastic bags, straws, coffee stirrers, soda and water bottles and most food packaging. Single-use plastic is almost entirely about convenience. Thankfully, there are industries making great strides to reduce their plastic waste. Many airlines have begun recycling plastic cups and straws, and companies such as Nestle and Unilever pledge to make all plastic packaging either 100% recyclable or reusable by 2025. Kroger will be eliminating single use grocery bags as of 2025. Nevertheless, significant progress is yet to be made and much of the effort comes down to us changing our behavior as consumers.



*Ohio River—Photo from v*

Here's what YOU can do:

1. **Stop buying water in single-use plastic bottles.** Get a sink or jug-mounted filter at home. Buy a bottle that you can leave in your car. Or even buy a separate one for your car, purse, office and home.
2. **Use cloth or recyclable bags for your groceries.** You can find these bags for sale at most retailers, or many organizations give them away as free promotional items.
3. Don't use plastic bags at the store for vegetables you're going to wash anyway. Earthwise & Purifyou have mesh produce bags available, or skip bagging all together.
4. Bring your own coffee mug to your favorite coffee vendor.
5. Own your own straw, or stop using one. Paper, metal, and glass alternatives exist.
6. **Stop using ziplock bags** and use glass or Tupperware instead. Even plastic Tupperware is made of recyclable (and even recycled) material!
7. Rinse out and recycle your plastic bottles. These can be recycled many times when properly disposed.
8. Participate in litter / river cleanups... Clermont County has a Spring Litter Cleanup on April 13, 2019. See our website for updates: <https://www.clermontswcd.org/>.
9. Lobby your local and state government to make recycling a priority. You can go to <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/district-maps> to find out who your state representatives are and how to contact them.

In total, more than **60 countries have enacted plastic bans and/or fees** in order to cut down on plastic waste, and many more are likely to follow soon. Let each of us do our part to cut down on plastic waste.

### *What to do from pg. 1*

If no local outlets are available, the Solid Waste District will issue Clermont residents a voucher, which allows them to take the material to Environmental Enterprises on Spring Grove Avenue in Cincinnati and the District pays the disposal fee. To obtain a voucher, or for more information on Solid Waste District programs, call (513) 732-7894 x3.

### *New Ohio River Sweep Coordinator*

Clermont SWCD would like to welcome Peggy Greenler as the new county coordinator for the Ohio River Sweep! The 2019 Sweep will be held on Saturday, June 15. If interested, please contact Peggy at [riversweep2019@gmail.com](mailto:riversweep2019@gmail.com).

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

All NRCS / SWCD programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status.

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### Calendar

Nutrient Management Workshop	Feb. 28 9am
Monthly Board Meeting	Mar. 13 8am
New and Beg. Farm Conf., Piketon	Mar. 29-30
Conservation Sale Order Deadline	Apr. 9
Pond Clinic at Cincy. Nature Center	Apr. 9
Monthly Board Meeting	Apr. 10 8am
Perennial School (OSU Extension)	Apr. 11
Spring Litter Cleanup	Apr. 13
Rain Barrel Art Auction, Cincy Zoo	Apr. 25
Conservation Sale Pickup	Apr. 26 & 27
Monthly Board Meeting	May 8 8am
Office Closed (Holiday)	May 27
Monthly Board Meeting	June 12 8am
Ohio River Sweep	June 15