Residents May Now Recycle Additional Plastics

BATAVIA, OH - Residents and businesses may now place #5 plastic tubs in Rumpke’s recycling containers. Bring on the butter tubs and yogurt containers, toss in those fruit cups! All of these items will find new life through Rumpke’s enhanced recycling program. All curbside and drop-off recycling in Clermont County is serviced by Rumpke so residents can now place plastic tubs, along with their lids in the recycling bin. Be sure to rinse the container and reattach the lid before tossing in the bin.

Like with other acceptable items, Rumpke has secured long-term contracts with stable, regional end users for this material, and 95% of the recycled goes to domestic end users.

New equipment wasn’t necessary to handle the tubs, although new robotics will be installed this spring to better process the materials. Instead it was issues with the cup shape, color and smell that created problems in creating a marketable recycled product. Fortunately “The manufacturers of that type of plastic have partnered with end-users and recycling companies like Rumpke to overcome these challenges and establish long term uses for these types of materials,” said Molly Yeager, Rumpke’s Corporate Communications Manager.

Rumpke is officially launching the new program today. Residents should remember to keep items clean, empty, and loose to promote efficient recycling.

“Specifically, that means emptying the container (do not nest or stuff materials), rinsing and replacing the lid, and not placing recyclables in plastic bags,” said Hannah Lubbers, Director of the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District.

Plastic tubs are a welcome addition to the list of materials residents of Clermont County can currently recycle, shown below.

**PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS**

- Plastic bottles, jugs and tubs (butter, sour cream, cottage cheese tubs as well as fruit and yogurt cups)
- Milk and juice cartons
- Glass bottles and jars (any color)
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Paper, paper board (cereal boxes, 12-pack containers, mail, etc.) and cardboard

Hannah Lubbers
OEQ, Director

For more information on recycling in Clermont County, visit Rumpke.com
Shrink Your Lawn
adapted from ‘Shrink Your Lawn’ by Amy Roskilly, Cuyahoga SWCD

When most people think of the ideal lawn, they think of well-maintained, bright green turf grass. While this may be aesthetically pleasing, turf grass it’s not so pleasing for the environment. Because the soil under turf grass is usually compacted and its roots are so shallow, more water runs off into storm sewers, ditches and creeks rather than soaking into the ground. As it runs off, it carries with it the pesticides and fertilizers used to keep a lawn green and weed free. To keep our yards looking attractive and eco-friendly, we recommend five simple tips for shrinking your lawn.

1. CONNECT THE DOTS - If you have several random planting areas in your yard, you can consolidate them into one larger planting area. To get an idea of what it would look like, get some rope and map out the area to see where you would be removing sod. This way you can “try out” the shape before any digging.

2. HEDGE THE EDGE - This involves digging up the perimeter of your lawn in favor of a hedge or a bed of perennials. To keep the lawn from creeping in, you may want to edge it with stone, brick or concrete.

3. CUT-OUT THE CENTER - You can make a planting area in the center of your lawn. Plant natives to attract wildlife or ring a hidden patio with a planting bed.

4. CUT CORNERS - Pick a corner of your lawn and convert it into an herb garden, rock garden or a space for something else you’ve been dying to grow.

5. GO WILD - Let a piece of your lawn go back to its natural state to become an oasis for local wildlife. Before doing this, you should make sure it is allowable under HOA regulations, and consider how this might impact your neighbors.

No matter what strategy you use, we recommend using plants that are native to our area of Ohio.
The Clermont SWCD is offering tree and shrub seedlings, as well as a few native perennials 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 18 to 24 inches tall. Tree, shrub, & vine seedlings 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. Perennials are sold as ‘plugs’. Please see page 5 for plug description.

For detailed descriptions and photos, please visit our website at clermontplantsale.com

*For Best Success, Plant Immediately*

NEW THIS YEAR! We are always looking for new ways to encourage our customers to plant pollinator perennials. We are offering a half flat (25 plants, 5 different varieties) to get you started… please see page 5 for details!

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**Placing Tips For Bare Root Seedlings…**

1. Never let roots dry completely OR leave seedlings immersed in water for long periods as they will drown. These are the most common causes of seedling death!

2. Putting seedlings in pots is a great alternative to planting in the ground, this way you can keep the plants close by to water and care for until they get roots established. If you plant directly into the ground, make your planting hole deep enough to accommodate the roots. DO NOT TRIM TAP ROOT, but it is better to prune the auxillary roots with scissors than to wad or curl the roots to make them fit in your planting hole. Plant so that the roots are free, not cramped. Trim any broken roots.

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. Use only water soluble fertilizer with root stimulating ingredients.

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 WHEN DRY FOR THE FIRST 2 YEARS!**

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Mail - In Order Deadline: April 12, 2021
Website Orders Will be Taken Until April 21st OR Until Stock Runs Out
NEW Pick Up Dates: Thursday, April 22, 2021 Noon - 6:30 pm, AND Friday, April 23, Noon - 6:30 pm
Where: Clermont County Fairgrounds, Commercial Building
Please order early to guarantee availability. Thank you!
**Packet A**  
Eastern White Pine  
*PINUS STROBUS*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: This evergreen has a beautiful white bark. It grows to 40-60 ft.  

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**Packet B**  
Black Walnut  
*JUGLANS NIGRA*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: Black Walnuts make excellent shade trees and produce nuts enjoyed by squirrels, woodpeckers and humans. A drawback is their root system produces a chemical called Juglone, which can kill many different species of plants. One must be aware of that fact, & choose companion plants accordingly. Please see the plant sale website for susceptible plants.

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**Packet C**  
Flowering Crabapple  
*MALUS Hybrid 'Magenta'*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: Showy April white flowers are frequented by butterflies and pollinators. Edible fruit in June for wildlife (and humans!). Brilliant orange color in the Fall; this shrub can also be grown as a small tree. Excellent plant for pollinators, landscapes, natural areas, and hedges. Grows to 15-40 feet.

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**Packet D**  
Alleghany Serviceberry  
*AMELANCHIER LAEVIS*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: 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: 10-30 ft.

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**Packet E**  
White Flowering Dogwood  
*CORNUS FLORIDA*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: 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.

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**Packet F**  
Eastern Redbud  
*CERCIS CANADENSIS*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: This small, wet-loving shrub can grow to 15’ but is normally 3-5’ tall. The ping pong ball shaped flower clusters are frequented by many pollinators, including butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Excellent shrub for erosion control.

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**Packet G**  
Buttonbush  
*CEPHALANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: This small, wet-loving shrub can grow to 15’ but is normally 3-5’ tall. The ping pong ball shaped flower clusters are frequented by many pollinators, including butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Excellent shrub for erosion control.

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**Packet H**  
Common Ninebark  
*PHYSOCARPUS OPULIFOLIUS*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: 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.

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**Packet I**  
Spicebush  
*LINDERA BENZOIN*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: Use as replacement for bush honeysuckle! Spicebush is a large, upright, multi-stemmed, suckering, deciduous shrub that may also be grown as a small, single trunk tree which may reach a height of 28’. Pollinators love the white flowers in late spring that give way in autumn to blue-black, berry-like drupes which often persist into winter and are an important food source for birds and wildlife. Variable fall color ranges from reddish to purple. Fruits are edible and may be eaten off the bush when ripe or used in jams and jellies.

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**Packet J**  
Meadowsweet Spirea  
*SPIREA ALBA*  
$11.00  
3/pkt.  

NATIVE: White meadowsweet sweetens landscapes in early- to midsummer with its cone-shaped spires of tiny white flowers. It does well in cottage gardens, pollinator plantings and rain gardens where it can grow in full sun yet have its roots moist to wet. Dense stands make an unusual hedge. Butterflies and other beneficial insects flock to the plant for nectar and pollen. In autumn seed capsules appear and are fed on by songbirds. Glossy green foliage turns yellow in the fall. Deer tend to leave this plant alone. Meadowsweet is a host plant for the larvae of the spring azure butterfly.
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 GRANITE COLOR
LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE

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**POLLENATOR PERENNIALS (PLUGS)**

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<td>ECINACEA PUPURA hybrid 5 plugs. Flowers appear June - August on these compact plants &amp; are intensely colored with magenta rays and a coppery orange cone. Like the parent species, this plant is low maintenance – thriving in most sunny sites. If allowed to mature, seed heads provide winter interest and seed that is savored by goldfinches.</td>
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<td>Aster ‘Raydon’s Favorite’</td>
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<td>ASTER OBLONGIFOLIUS 5 plugs. Height: 2-3’ Spread: 2’ ‘Raydon’s Favorite’ is an essential fall-blooming perennial with showy violet-blue flowers that attract butterflies and other pollinators. This aster forms small colonies from underground rhizomes. Easy to grow in a variety of soil types.</td>
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<td>MONARDA DIDYMA 5 plugs. Height: 2-3’ Spread: 2’-3’. This sturdy perennial wildflower expands to form upright clumps of deep green aromatic leaves on strong square stems. In summer, they are topped by showy rounded clusters of red to purplish tubular flowers. Pollinators flock to the blooms in sunny or partially shaded settings with average or moist well drained soils.</td>
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<td>LIATRIS PYCNOSTACHYA 5 plugs. Height: 2-4’. One of the most popular of the blazing stars, and the tallest, this perennial blooms July-August. The lavender tufted flowers begin blooming at the top and work their way down the single stem. Butterflies, bees and hummingbirds all visit this plant. Good plant growth requires both sun and adequate moisture; tolerant of clay soils.</td>
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<td>HELENIUM AUTUMNALE 5 plugs. Height: 3-5’ Spread: 3’ Don’t let the name scare you! This beautiful fall bloomer is an upright clumping native wildflower. Plants have unique winged stems clothed in bright green leaves, and in autumn an abundance of golden daisy-like flower heads appear. The blooms are visited by throngs of pollinators. This adaptable plant will grow in any site that has sun or part sun and moist soils.</td>
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<td>LONICERA SEMPERVIRENS 1/order 12- 18”. NATIVE: Hummingbird favorite! This climbing vine attracts hummingbirds with it’s trumpet-shaped orange-red flowers. Needs a fence or trellis to grow upright. Non-fragrant blooms appear April-June.</td>
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We will include information on sizes and recommended spacing, Just prep, plant, mulch, and water!

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**What is a Plug??**

A DP50 plug is approximately 2” in diameter and 4.5” deep.

### THE BENEFIT:

Root channels keep the roots from spiraling.
Sturdy, straight, heftier roots translate to
- quicker establishment
- brawnier top growth
- less post-planting maintenance
## 2021 CONSERVATION PLANT SALE ORDER FORM

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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 #

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 22 or 23 Noon-6:30, as we cannot ship or hold orders.

Name: __________________________________________ Telephone: ____________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Street __________________________ City __________________________ State __________________________ Zip __________________________

**ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 12TH** - To order after this date, please order online.
Call Before You Cut
adapted from Ben Robinson, ODNR
State Service Forester

Southern Ohioans own forest land for many reasons, and their level of involvement in the management of that land varies widely. In a survey conducted by SFFI (Sustaining Family Forests Initiative), Ohioans with 10+ acres of woodlands cited several reasons for owning their forest by level of importance. Of the 12 reasons they own their woods, “timber” fell second-to-last in importance – ranked behind other reasons such as wildlife, aesthetics, recreation and investment. However, 20% of landowners reported cutting trees for sale in the past 5 years, and 21% said they were likely to do so in the next 5 years. Whether harvesting timber is at the top or at the bottom of your priority list, I recommend that you seek advice from professional foresters when making forest management decisions. Foresters are trained in the art and science of growing trees, which is referred to as “silviculture”.

The first step to making wise forest management decisions is to identify your objectives as the landowner. Every stand of timber is not ready for a timber harvest – based on your objectives and the condition of the forest, a professional forester will be able to advise if the time is right for a timber sale, or if it’s wise to wait for a few years. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry has 22 state service foresters, such as myself, who are a free resource to consult when considering a timber harvest. As employees of the State, we do not sell, value or estimate the volume of your standing timber. Instead, we are a free resource to help address your timber sale questions and make site visits to advise on whether or not a timber harvest is the right management tool for your situation.

Whether you are ready to harvest timber or just beginning to think about forest management in your woodlands, there is a professional forester out there in Ohio that is ready to help you navigate those decisions. If you’re considering a timber harvest, or have general forestry questions, feel free to give me a call or send an email, and I’d be happy to chat with you about management of your woodland.

Ben Robinson, State Service Forester
614.204.9026
Ben.Robinson@dnr.ohio.gov

Why Plant Native?

There are many great reasons to plant native plants. Native plants are the backbone of our local ecosystems and provide an array of services for the wildlife and humans that share the same space.

Native plants require less maintenance than exotic landscaping species and turf lawn as they are adapted to survive to the seasonal changes of Ohio. This means that you will spend less time watering during the summer drought and you won’t have to protect them through the winter. Native plants also help with storm water management as they have deeper root systems to help storm water get into the ground faster. This will help to prevent puddling and flooding around your yard.

Native plants also provide vital habitat for wildlife. Many species of butterflies and birds are dependent on very specific native plant species to survive. Other pollinators like hummingbirds, moths, and bats also rely on native plants for food. Native plants also produce seeds, fruits, and nuts that many species rely on to get through the cold winter months. If you would like to attract more birds and wildlife to your yard, planting native plants is one of the best actions you can take.

If your address is incorrect or you would like to be added / removed from our mailing list, please contact us at (513) 732-7075.
Clermont County’s 2021 Litter Clean-Up

The Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Valley View Foundation (VVF) are once again working with local partners to plan this year’s Litter Clean-Up event. The 2021 event will be a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) litter clean-up with activities scheduled for the month of June. Volunteers can practice social distancing to help spruce up areas in their communities while enjoying the outdoors. There are many opportunities and areas throughout the county for volunteers to help by clearing trash and unsightly debris from our parks, waterways and other shared open spaces. Depending on how the next few months unfold, a few small group, in-person activities may be coordinated for the 2021 event. Community coordinators will provide details on those activities later in the spring. Volunteer safety is the top priority. Whether or not the event is DIY or centered around small groups, all volunteers can be provided with clean-up materials for their activities, including protective gloves, trash bags and litter grabbers. Individuals that request litter clean-up materials will be sent details for supply pick-up in their communities.

We appreciate the support of our partner agencies, including the Ohio EPA, Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ), the Clermont County Park District, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and OSU Extension. Most importantly, thank you to the volunteers and communities that come back year after year to protect our local natural resources! Please visit the SLC website for more information and to register: www.springlittercleanup.com. Don’t forget to send us some pics and info on your efforts and we’ll post on the event website!