



The Clermont Conservation Quarterly

Spring 2021



Native Plant Sale Edition!!

Our Mission:
"To promote the wise use of our natural resources through service and education"

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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



Reattach lid. Yogurt and fruit cups OK.

- 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

Calendar

Monthly Board Meeting	Mar. 10 8am
Plant Sale Order Deadline	Apr. 12
Monthly Board Meeting	Apr. 14 8am
Plant Sale Pickup	Apr. 22 & 23
Monthly Board Meeting	May 12 8am
Office Closed (Holiday)	May 31
Monthly Board Meeting	June 9 8am

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

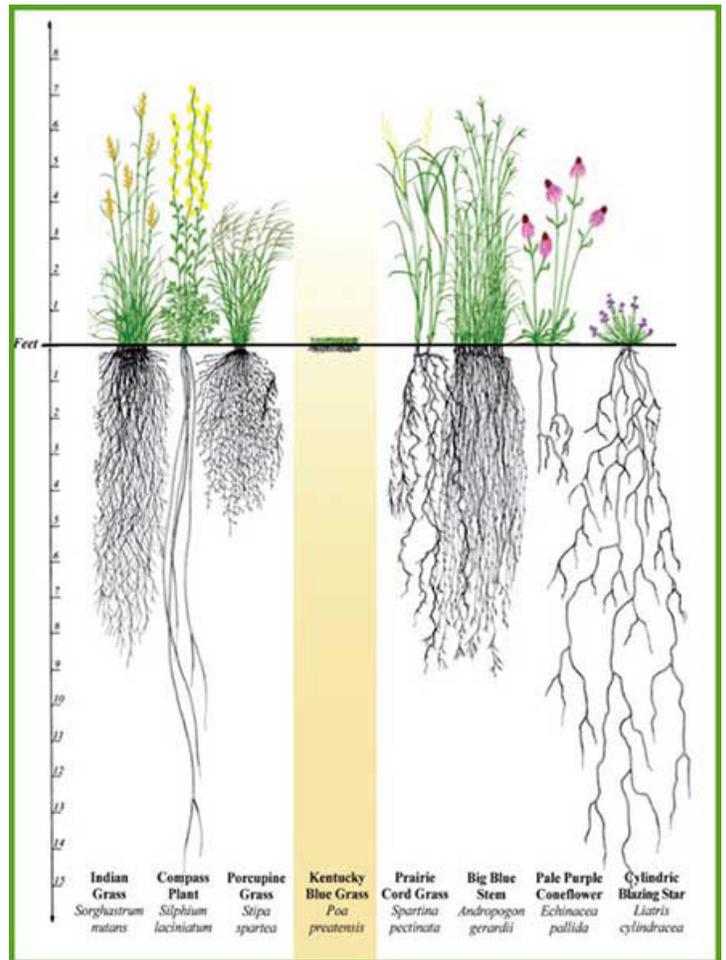


Image adapted from Wisconsin Pollinators showing the difference in root depth of native plants versus turf grass.

Office COVID-19 and Upcoming Programs Update

The Spring Newsletter is typically where we announce important updates regarding our annual Pond Clinic and Nutrient Management Seminar. Clermont SWCD continues to adjust to the changes required to combat COVID-19. At the time of this publication, Clermont SWCD offices and others at the Agricultural Resource Center in the County Fairgrounds remain closed to the public. Staff are rotating the days during which they work in the office, and are available to make site visits any time during regular business hours (M-F, 8 to 4:30). Visits to the District office may be made by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, email our staff or call (513) 732-7075. Upon arrival for your appointment, please come to our walk-up window located to the right side of the main entrance to the Ag Center. Masks should be worn by anyone visiting the office or meeting with staff off-site.

Stay tuned for future program updates!



2021 Conservation Plant Sale



Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District

ORDERING PLANTS IS A BREEZE AT OUR ONLINE STORE!

Visit WWW.CLERMONTPLANTSALE.COM 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!****

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!

Planting 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!**

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!

POLLINATOR PERENNIALS (PLUGS)

Packet G1 **Jacob's Ladder** **\$15.00**
Part Shade/Shade *POLEMONIUM CAERULEUM* 5 plugs

This mounding plant has deep green foliage that resembles a ladder and lovely blue flowers in late Spring. Easy to care for, this perennial grows to 1-3' with a 1 1/2- 2' spread. Recommended to plant in partial shade to prevent leaf scorch. Spreads by seed if old flowers are not removed.

Packet G2 **Purple Coneflower "Wild Berry"** **\$15.00**
Sun *ECHINACEA PUPURA hybrid* 5 plugs

Height: 18-24" Spread: 18-24"
Flowers appear June - August on these compact plants & 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.

Packet G3 **Aster 'Raydon's Favorite'** **\$ 15.00**
Full/Part Sun *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.

Packet G4 **Scarlet Bee Balm** **\$ 15.00**
Full/Part Sun *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.

Packet G5 **Prairie Blazing Star** **\$ 15.00**
Sun *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.

Packet G6 **Sneezeweed** **\$ 15.00**
Full/Part Sun *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.

POLLINATOR GARDEN STARTER KIT

Packet G7 **\$65.00**
Sun 25 plugs

Let us give you a hand at starting your sunny pollinator garden! You will get 5 each of :

- Wild Berry Coneflower
- Raydon's Favorite Aster
- Scarlet Bee Balm
- Prairie Blazing Star
- Sneezeweed

We will include information on sizes and recommended spacing, Just prep, plant, mulch, and water!

POLLINATOR PERENNIAL (VINE)

Packet G8 **Trumpet Vine** **\$2.00**
Sun *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.

RB RAIN STATION™ RAIN BARREL \$85.00

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 GRANITE COLOR

LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE

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

Pkt.	TREES	Plants/Pkt.	Size	Price/pkt.	# of Pkts.	Total Cost	Pkt.
A	White Pine	3	18"	\$11.00			A
B	Black Walnut	3	24"	\$11.00			B
C	Crabapple	3	18-24"	\$11.00			C
D	Allegheny Serviceberry	3	18-24"	\$11.00			D
E	White Flowering Dogwood	3	18-24"	\$11.00			E
F	Eastern Redbud	3	24"	\$11.00			F

SHRUBS

G	Buttonbush	3	18-24"	\$11.00			G
H	Ninebark	3	18"	\$11.00			H
I	Spicebush	3	24"	\$11.00			I
J	Nannyberry Viburnum	3	18-24"	\$11.00			J
K	Meadowsweet Spirea	3	18-24"	\$11.00			K

POLLINATOR PERENNIALS

G1	Jacob's Ladder	5	plug	\$15.00			G1
G2	Purple Coneflower	5	plug	\$15.00			G2
G3	Aster 'Raydon's Favorite'	5	plug	\$15.00			G3
G4	Scarlet Bee Balm	5	plug	\$15.00			G4
G5	Blazing Star	5	plug	\$15.00			G5
G6	Sneezeweed	5	plug	\$15.00			G6
G7	Pollinator Garden Starter Kit	25	plugs	\$65.00			G7
G8	Trumpet Vine	1	12-18"	\$2.00			G8

RAIN BARRELS *(Limited Quantities)*

RB	Rain Barrel - <i>Granite color</i>	50 gallon	\$85.00			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: Include if you would like to be added to 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 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
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A clouded sulfur butterfly drinking nectar from a native goldenrod.

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.

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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!