



The Clermont Conservation Quarterly

Spring 2022



Cups Are Now Recyclable in Clermont County. Cheers!

Disposable paper cups, most plastic cups, and aluminum cups are now accepted in all curbside recycling bins and public recycling drop-off dumpsters in Clermont County, regardless of the hauler. Examples of the newly accepted material include paper and plastic beverage cups from fast-food restaurants (Starbucks, McDonalds, etc.), plastic souvenir cups, and aluminum cups such as those used at many stadiums and some dedicated outdoor refreshment areas (DORAS).

Whether your recycling hauler is Rumpke or Republic, all mixed recycling collected in Clermont County is transported to Rumpke’s recycling processing plant in St. Bernard for sorting and recovery. Rumpke is constantly working with manufacturers and other partners to develop solutions for expanded recycling opportunities. The paper mills that receive Rumpke’s recovered cardboard and paper have now agreed to accept paper cups in their material stream, mainly due to the high demand for cardboard. Innovations in plastic recycling have opened up manufacturers and other partners to accept additional types of plastic, while advancements in robotics and new technology has significantly helped to sort plastic cups from the recycling stream.

What is not accepted: Styrofoam or polystyrene (foam) cups are still not accepted at Rumpke’s recycling facility. Most colored party cups (i.e., Solo brand cups) are made of polystyrene (#6) and should not be placed in recycling containers. Straws, ceramic and glass cups, and K-cups/coffee pods are also still not accepted.

Plastic lids on plastic cups are now accepted and should be reattached prior to placing in the recycling container. However, plastic lids on paper cups are not accepted and should be removed.

To see a complete list of the public recycling drop-off locations in Clermont County, as well as a complete list of acceptable recyclables, please visit the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District’s website at www.OEQ.net For more information on recycling in Clermont County, visit Rumpke.com

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Our Mission:

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

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Calendar

Monthly Board Meeting	Mar. 9 8am
Plant Sale Order Deadline	Apr. 15
Monthly Board Meeting	Apr. 13 8am
Plant Sale Pickup	May 5 & 6
Monthly Board Meeting	May 11 8am
Office Closed (Holiday)	May 30
Monthly Board Meeting	June 8 8am

Shor Park Restoration Project Update

Clermont SWCD, in partnership with the Clermont County Park District, received a Section 319 Grant from Ohio EPA for a stream restoration and wetland enhancement project at Shor Park on Tealtown Road. Construction began in July 2021 and is expected to finish by April 2022.

As Avey's Run enters Shor Park, approximately 200 feet of the creek runs through a 48-inch storm sewer that has collapsed in places, resulting in large sinkholes and a large amount of erosion downstream of the sewer. In July 2021, staff from Clermont SWCD, the Park District and the Clermont Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) installed multiple log structures in areas with heavy bank erosion. Over time, the log structures will help build the banks and streambed by capturing organic material. They will also deflect flow energy away from eroding banks and expand habitat diversity.

The largest part of the project involves replacing the existing storm sewer with 120 feet of natural stream channel, followed by a boulder cascade and plunge pool. Three small pocket wetlands will surround the new stream channel. In addition to creating new habitat, the stream and wetland complex will help dissipate high flows during heavy rains, and treat storm water runoff from a residential area upstream of the park. This work is scheduled to start in March 2022.

Smaller parts of the project involve fixing erosion problems in a small channel that drains the Shor Park parking lot, and removing invasive species like bush honeysuckle and autumn olive. This past November, three riffles were constructed to stabilize 200 feet of channel below the outlet of the existing rain garden which treats runoff from the parking lot. Starting in December, staff from SWCD, OEQ and the Park District have removed invasive species from about four acres of ground, with much more to come



Bank erosion in Shor Park causing risk to nearby trail

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. The Pond Clinic is planned for Summer 2022 with more information to be released at a later date.

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!



2022 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 12 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'.

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

For Best Success, Plant Immediately

We are offering a half flat of perennials for pollinators (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 near water and care for them 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 15, 2022

Website Orders Will be Taken Until May 3rd OR Until Stock Runs Out

NEW Pick Up Dates: Thursday, May 5, 2022 Noon - 6:30 pm, AND Friday, May 6th, Noon - 4:30 pm

Clermont County Fairgrounds, Commercial Building

Please order early to guarantee availability. Thank you!

POLLINATOR PERENNIALS

Packet G1 **Black-Eye Susan** **\$15.00**
Sun/Part Shade/Shade *RUDBECKIA FULGIA V. DEAMII* 5 plugs
Native species Bright yellow petals and dark center disk attractive to bees, butterflies and birds. Drought tolerant and self-seeding makes a great choice for gardens. Blooms August-October

Packet G2 **Pink Turtlehead** **\$15.00**
Full/Part Sun *CHELONE LYONII 'HOT LIPS'* 5 plugs
Native species Wildflowers that adapt beautifully to garden conditions. Best in a moist or wet site. 'Hot Lips' forms an upright, bushy mound of shiny green foliage, bronzy-green early in the season. Blooms August-September.

Packet G3 **Aster 'Raydon's Favorite'** **\$ 15.00**
Full/Part Sun *ASTER OBLONGIFOLIUS* 5 plugs
Native cultivar. 'Raydon's Favorite' is an essential fall-blooming perennial with showy violet-blue flowers. Important late source of nectar for butterflies and other pollinators. This aster forms small colonies from underground rhizomes. Easy to grow in a variety of soil types. Blooms August-October.

Packet G4 **Dwarf Blue Star** **\$ 15.00**
Full Sun *AMSONIA 'BLUE ICE'* 5 plugs

Long blooming blue star-shaped flowers with good fall golden-yellow color. Low maintenance with compact growth that likes moist well drained soil. Booms May-June.

Packet G5 **Blue Flag** **\$ 15.00**
Sun/Part Sun/Shade *IRIS VERSICOLOR* 5 plugs
Native species. Emergent beautiful blue flowers with yellow throat. Bluish-green, sword-shaped leaves. Grows great in wetlands and along shorelines. Moisture is required. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Blooms May-June.

Packet G6 **Cardinal flower** **\$ 15.00**
Full/Part Sun *LOBELIA CARDINALIS* 5 plugs
Native species. Lance-shaped dark green leaves that form basal clumps and tall flower stalks that hold clusters of tubular vibrant red flowers. A favorite of hummingbirds. Moisture is required. Blooms August-September.

Packet G7 **Ox-eye Sunflower** **\$ 15.00**
Full/Part Sun *HELIOPSIS HELIANTHOIDES* 5 plugs
Native Species Daisy-like flowers with yellow-orange rays surrounding brownish-yellow center cones. Birds love the seeds and attractive to butterflies. Easy to grow and very tolerant. Blooms June-August.

POLLINATOR GARDEN STARTER KIT

Packet G8 **\$65.00**
Sun 25 plugs

Let us give you a hand at starting your sunny pollinator garden!

You will get 5 each of :

- Black-eye Susan
- Raydon's Favorite Aster
- Pink Turtlehead
- Blue Flag
- Cardinal

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

POLLINATOR PERENNIAL (VINE)

Packet G9 **Sensitive Fern** **\$2.00**
Sun/Shade *ONOCLEA SENSIBILIS* 1/order

Native Species. A good native fern for clay soils. Use to provide large areas of lush, exuberant groundcover. Useful for massing in rain gardens, ditches and woodland edges. Fertile fronds appear in summer and persist into winter. Adaptable but prefers moist soil. Grows best in partial or full shade.

Packet G10 **Trumpet Creeper** **\$ 2.00**
Full/Part Sun *CAMPISIS RADICANS* 1/order

Native species. Hummingbird favorite! This climbing vine attracts hummingbirds with its trumpet-shaped orange-red flowers. Needs a fence or trellis to grow upright. Non-fragrant blooms appear June through September.

RB RAIN STATION™ RAIN BARREL \$90.00

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

2022 CONSERVATION PLANT SALE ORDER FORM

Pkt.	TREES	Plants/Pkt.	Size	Price/pkt.	# of Pkts.	Total Cost	Pkt.
A	Eastern White Pine	6	7-10"	\$11.00			A
B	Norway Spruce	3	18-24"	\$11.00			B
C	Butternut	3	12-24"	\$11.00			C
D	Persimmon, Common	3	18-24"	\$11.00			D
E	White Flowering Dogwood	3	18"	\$11.00			E
F	Eastern Redbud	3	18"	\$11.00			F
SHRUBS							
G	Buttonbush	3	18"	\$11.00			G
H	Black Willow	3	18"	\$11.00			H
I	Spicebush	3	18"	\$11.00			I
J	Pee Gee Hydrangea	3	18"	\$11.00			J
K	Sweetshrub	3	18"	\$11.00			K
L	Coralberry	3	12-18"	\$11.00			L
POLLINATOR PERENNIALS							
G1	Black-eye Susan	5	plug	\$15.00			G1
G2	Pink Turtlehead	5	plug	\$15.00			G2
G3	Aster 'Raydon's Favorite'	5	plug	\$15.00			G3
G4	Bluestar	5	plug	\$15.00			G4
G5	Blue Flag Iris	5	plug	\$15.00			G5
G6	Cardinal Flower	5	plug	\$15.00			G6
G7	Ox-eye Sunflower	5	plugs	\$15.00			G7
G8	Pollinator Starter Kit	25	plugs	\$65.00			G8
G9	Sensitive Fern	1	12-18"	\$2.00			G9
G10	Trumpet Creeper	1	12-18"	\$2.00			G10
RAIN BARRELS							
RB	Rain Barrel		50 gallon	\$90.00			RB
						Total:	
						Tax 6.75%:	
						Grand Total:	

To pay by check, make check payable to **Clermont SWCD** and mail to: PO Box 549, Owensville, OH 45160
Please make arrangements to pick up your order May 5 or 6 as we cannot ship or hold orders.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Street
City
State
Zip

ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 15th - To order after this date, please order online.



Greater Cincinnati Master Rain Gardener

The Master Rain Gardener (MRG) Course is a 5 day course that takes place over 6 weeks. During the course, students are guided through the rain garden design and installation process by experienced regional professionals.

Course Dates and Time

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 March 13, 25



Sponsored By:



First 25 Participants FREE!

\$50 deposit to reserve your place, reimbursed with course completion.

For additional information and to register visit www.cincyraingardener.org



Rain Gardens Revisited

Once again, it's been a long, cold winter, but spring is approaching and thoughts are turning to gardening. If you are planning some new landscaping around the house this year, you may want to consider a rain garden, which can be an attractive feature that also helps manage storm water runoff.

Rain gardens look like any other flower garden, but they are built in a shallow depression that is designed to collect rain water and slowly filter it into the ground over a period of a day or two. A typical rain garden planted with native wildflowers, shrubs or trees can soak up to 30% more water than a conventional lawn. Rain gardens also help to remove pollutants in storm water that are picked up from our lawns, rooftops, driveways and parking lots. In addition to the water quality benefits, rain gardens providing important habitat and food sources for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife.

Anyone can build a rain garden on their own. Creating one requires nothing more high tech than a shovel. To aid landowners in their quest to build their own garden, we have collaborated with local organizations to create the Greater Cincinnati Master Rain Gardener Course. The first session is already full, but you can add your name to the waitlist for future classes at www.cincyraingardener.org or join the Facebook group Greater Cincinnati Master Rain Gardeners for great ideas from fellow gardeners. Plenty of tips are also available on our web site at www.clermontswcd.org/rain-gardens-barrels/. And if you run in to problems – don't give up. Just give us a call or shoot us an email and we'll help you through it.

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 SWCD 2022 Spring Litter Clean-up Logo Design Contest

Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District and the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District along with Valley View Foundation are kicking off the 2022 Spring Litter Clean-Up (SLC) event with a Logo Design Contest for local K-12 students. This year's contest is sponsored by the Southern Ohio Association of Realtors (SOAR). Any K-12 student attending a school located in Clermont County or within the East Fork Little Miami River watershed (including home-schooled students) are eligible to compete.

Logo designs should emphasize litter clean-up and prevention. Students can register for the contest through the event website: www.springlittercleanup.com. The student with the winning design will receive a \$100 cash award and an additional \$100 gift given

to their school art department or local art program. There will also be 13 grade-level awards of \$25 each. The 2022 Spring Litter Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at various locations across Clermont County. Entries due to the Clermont SWCD office by Friday, March 11, 2022 by 4:00 pm. For more information or questions contact Connie Miller at (513) 732-7075 ext. 2 or cmiller@clermontcountyohio.gov.

