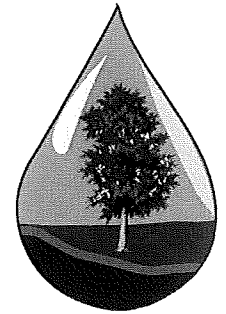


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Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District

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2012 TREE AND WILDLIFE PRODUCTS SALE

The Delaware SWCD is now taking orders for the annual Tree & Wildlife Products Sale. To place an order, simply fill out the order form found in this newsletter, and return it with payment to the SWCD office. There is limited stock on all items, so orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Order early to avoid being closed out of items you desire.

Seedlings, seeds, and wildlife products will be available for **pick-up at our office April 10-13, 2012**. All who place an order will receive a postcard providing the exact times of pick-up. The seedlings we offer are high quality, bare root nursery stock. With reasonable care, a fine planting can be developed. However, due to numerous handling conditions and planting variables beyond our control, the Delaware SWCD cannot be responsible for plants in your care or picked up after the assigned dates.

ABOUT OUR TREE SEEDLINGS

Seedlings are young trees or shrubs that are planted from seed. They are grown 1-4 years in beds, and then dug. There is usually a variation in size because they are "bed-run" or include all trees that were growing in that bed at the time of digging. Most trees sold in our program are dug in the late winter or early spring depending on soil and digging conditions. If trees were dug from frozen soil, there would be no fine roots. Our trees usually arrive in early April, but because of varying weather conditions, it's possible that some may be delayed. If this ends up affecting your order, bear with us. We will do our best to get your trees to you as soon as the weather allows.

Soil test packets from Calmar Labs are available for pick up at our office. The test is good for garden crops, forage, ornamentals, trees, and turf grasses. The packets are free from our office and you include your payment to Calmar when sending your sample. Get your area tested early to make amendments before spring planting.

SWCD CALENDAR

For more info on these events, please call the District Office, (740) 368-1921, or visit www.delawareswcd.org.

Jan.	
1/29	NACD Annual Meeting Las Vegas
Feb.	
2/20	Presidents Day - OFFICE CLOSED
2/21	SWCD Board Mtg., 7:00 PM
2/27-28	OFSWCD Annual Meeting
March	
3/1	Upper Big Walnut Creek Partnership Meeting 9-11:30 AM
3/6-7	Conservation Tillage Conference
3/11	Day Light Savings Time Begins
3/12	Peachblow Conner Lane Hearing 6:00 PM
3/24	Green Thumbs Gardeners Fair

Delaware SWCD Mission

To provide progressive leadership, support, and assistance to the public through grassroots programs that promote natural resources conservation and stewardship.

Upper Big Walnut Creek Watershed Sign-Ups Now Underway

Under the USDA-NRCS Mississippi River Basin Initiative funds are now available for producers and landowners in the Upper Big Walnut Creek watershed to improve the health of the Mississippi River Basin. This funding is helping producers and landowners voluntarily implement a system of conservation practices that are used to control soil erosion, improve soil quality and water quality, and provide wildlife habitat. Eligible conservation practices are primarily funded through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and include, but are not limited to, cover crops, residue and tillage management, drainage tile control structures, nutrient management, grassed waterways, grass planted filter areas, and much more. **Sign-up deadline is March 1, 2012.** In order to sign-up for this program you must contact the Delaware NRCS/SWCD office by phoning (740)362-4011 extension 102.

New Chief of the ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources

Karl Gebhardt has been announced as chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Soil and Water Resources. Gebhardt has an extensive background in natural resources management and policy development.

Gebhardt was one of the first employees of the ODNR Division on Natural Areas & Preserves. From there he went on to serve as a legislative liaison for ODNR Director Robert Teater. Gebhardt has served as director of local affairs for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation where he advised landowners on policy issues relating to local government, land used, and natural resources. While working with the Farm Bureau Karl was instrumental in founding the Upper Big Walnut Creek Water Quality Partnership. He also served as executive director of the Office of Farmland Preservation during the Voinovich Administration; owner of Gebhardt and Associates Inc.; and a senior vice president with Paul Werth Associates.

He has worked with a variety of professional organizations and advisory councils, including The Ohio State University Rural-Urban Policy Advisory Council, the Natural Resource Conservation State Technical Committee, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Environmental Advisory Committee, and the National advisory Board of the University of Findlay's National Center of Excellence for Environmental Management. Currently, he is a member of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Task Force.

He and his wife Susan reside in Genoa Township where he is currently serving as Township Trustee.

Annual Meeting in Review

The Soil and Water District held its annual meeting November 22, 2011 at the Council for Older Adults with 80 people in attendance. The incumbent Steve Sheets was elected for another three year term as supervisor. The Conservation Booster of the year award was awarded to Fling Insurance Agency, and Farm Credit Services for their long time support of our annual meeting. The Conservation Farmer of 2010 was awarded to Keith Oman. A food drive for PIN was held with over 80 pounds of non perishable food being collected.

Applications Are Being Accepted For The Delaware SWCD/Dick O'Keefe Scholarship

To qualify for this \$500.00 scholarship you must be graduating or have graduated from a Delaware County public or private high school or be a Delaware County resident, have a grade point average at time of application of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, entering as a full-time freshman at a two or four-year accredited college, technical school or university, and pursuing a degree in agriculture. Applications are available on-line at www.delawareswcd.org, in high school guidance offices, and the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation office. For more information contact us at 740-368-1921. **Completed applications must be received by the SWCD office by Friday, April 13, 2012.**

2012 DELAWARE SWCD TREE & WILDLIFE PRODUCTS SALE

# IN PKT.	ITEM	COST/PKT.	# PKTS.	TOTAL
10	American Hazelnut	\$ 10.00		
10	Arborvitae	\$ 4.50		
10	Austrian Pine	\$ 4.50		
10	Colorado Blue Spruce	\$ 7.50		
10	Norway Spruce	\$ 4.50		
10	Scotch Pine	\$ 4.50		
10	Swamp White Oak	\$ 10.00		
10	Black Gum, Tupelo	\$ 9.00		
10	White Dogwood	\$ 9.00		
10	White Pine	\$ 6.00		
1 oz.	America's Blend Wildflower Mix	\$ 4.50		
1 oz.	Bird & Butterfly Mix	\$ 4.50		
1/2 oz.	Hummingbird Mix	\$ 4.50		
1 oz.	Perennial Mix	\$ 4.50		
Ea.	Eastern Bluebird Cedar House	\$ 23.00		
Ea.	Bat Cedar House - 3 Chamber	\$ 55.00		
Ea.	Butterfly Cedar House	\$ 45.00		
Ea.	60 Gal. Rain Barrel	\$ 60.00		
Ea.	Tree Planting Bar	\$ 42.00		
10	Fertilizer Tablets	\$ 1.50		
25	Marking Flags	\$ 3.00		
100	Marking Flags	\$ 10.00		
1 lb.	Plantskydd(TM) Rabbit/Small Critter Repellent-Granules	\$ 9.00		
1 lb.	Plantskydd(TM) Deer Repellent Concentrate	\$ 24.00		
2.2 lb.	Plantskydd(TM) Deer Repellent Concentrate	\$ 39.00		
3 lb.	Plantskydd(TM) Rabbit/Small Critter Repellent-Granules	\$ 22.00		

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Payment must accompany order):

Make Checks Payable to: Delaware SWCD

557-A Sunbury Road
Delaware, OH 43015

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

City, State _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

Zip _____

American Hazelnut

12-18" tall bareroot seedlings.
 Growth: Medium to Fast
 Family: Birch
 Mature Height: 15'
Plant in reasonably well-drained soils in full to partial sun.

Arborvitae

2-yr. seedling, 6-12" tall.
 Type: Evergreen
 Family: Cypress
 Full Grown Height: 30'
Plant in a moist soil with full to partial sunlight, mod. growth rate.

Austrian Pine

2-yr. seedlings, 4-8" tall.
 Type: Evergreen
 Family: Pine
 Full Grown Height: 60'
Pollution tolerant; can be planted in poorly drained soils.

Colorado Blue Spruce

2-yr. seedlings, 5-10" tall.
 Type: Evergreen
 Family: Pine
 Full Grown Height: 50'
Moderate to slow growth; prefers full sunlight.

Norway Spruce

2-yr. seedlings, 5-12" tall.
 Type: Evergreen
 Family: Pine
 Full Grown Height: 80'
Fast growing; adapts to harsh conditions; pollution-tolerant.

Scotch Pine

2-yr. seedlings, 5-10" tall
 Growth: Medium to Slow
 Family: Pine
 Full Grown Height: 50'
Very adaptable; thrives in full sun.

Swamp White Oak

12-18" tall bareroot seedlings
 Type: Deciduous
 Family: Beech
 Full Grown Height: 60'
Moist, acidic soils, bottom lands; best in full to partial sun

Black Gum

12-18" tall bareroot seedlings
 Type: Deciduous
 Family: Tupelo
 Full Grown Height: 60'
Adapts to different soils; best in full to partial sun.

White Dogwood

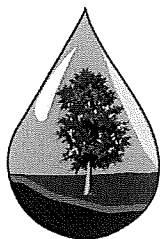
12-18" tall bareroot seedlings.
 Growth: Slow
 Family: Dogwood
 Full Grown Height: 15'
Prefers well-drained soils in any sun.

Eastern White Pine

3-yr. seedlings, 8-16" tall
 Growth: Fast
 Family: Pine
 Full Grown Height: 80'
Prefers well-drained soils in full sunlight.

For pictures and more information on all tree seedlings for sale, please visit our website -

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