



CLARK Conservationist

CLARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024 Tree Seedling Sale

**We are only having a ONE DAY pick up on
THURSDAY, APRIL 18 from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Now accepting tree orders on-line!

Visit www.clarkswcd.com for more information.

Although winter has set in, it's time to start thinking about outdoor activities for Spring. Clark SWCD is ready to kick off our conservation tree seedling sale for 2024.

This is an opportunity to purchase native tree species for landscaping, establishing a windbreak, enhancing wildlife habitat or for planting future timber harvest. We will be offering 14 different species of trees and evergreens.

As a reminder, these are bare-root tree seedlings ranging from sizes of 6 to 24 inches and the best chance for survival is to plant them as soon as possible and in a suitable location.

Tree species descriptions and order forms can be found inside!

Surplus seedlings will be available at regular prices, but supplies will be limited.

All items listed in this newsletter include the Clark County sales tax rate of 7.25%

IMPORTANT DATES

Tree Pre-Order Deadline:

* Friday, March 29th

Tree Pick up Date:

* Thursday, April 18th 9am - 7pm



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Bird Boxes & Feeders

NEST BOXES

Bluebird and Wren nest boxes are available for sale this year. Other nest boxes are also available for special order through the Clark SWCD. These nest boxes are constructed from kiln dried cedar. They feature an overhanging roof with ventilation, bottom slots for drainage, and easy open front for monitoring and cleaning.

HANGING BIRD FEEDERS

Feeders hold approximately 3 lbs. of mixed bird seed. Features include a removable screen bottom, aluminum hinges, metal chain for hanging. *These are handcrafted quality.*



Wildflower Seeds

WILDFLOWER SEED MIX

The Clark SWCD will be offering wildflower seed packets. Each one ounce packet will cover approximately 250 sq. ft. The wildflower mix is an excellent way to establish wildlife buffer for hummingbirds, butterflies and other wildlife. The wildflower seed mix contains such flowers as coreopsis, coneflower, snapdragons, black eyed Susan and yarrow. For a complete list of the seed mix please contact our office at 937-521-3880.



Fish Fingerling Sale

*Fish fingerlings will be available this year to stock farm ponds. The species available include: Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Channel Catfish, White Amur, Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie, Jumbo Yellow Perch, Minnows, and Tilapia. **Order form and pick up information can be found on page 5.***



About H2Ohio

Launched by Governor Mike DeWine in 2019, H2Ohio is a comprehensive water quality initiative that is working to strategically address serious water issues that have been building in Ohio for decades. Such problems include harmful algal blooms on Lake Erie caused by phosphorus runoff from farm fertilizer; failing drinking water; wastewater; and home sewage treatment systems due to aging infrastructure, and lead contamination from old water pipes and fixtures.

Ohio's water quality issues took time to develop, and it will take time to reverse course. Continued investment by the General Assembly will allow H2Ohio to continue building on its progress.

H2Ohio was created through unprecedented collaboration, using strategies that are long-term, sustainable, science-based and cost-effective. The Governor, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Lake Erie Commission, and many partners, including the Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative (OACI) have worked together to invest in projects across Ohio that will reduce nutrients and provide other long-term economic and water quality benefits to communities statewide.

H2Ohio
Targeted
Priorities

h2.ohio.gov

 **MIKE DEWINE**
GOVERNOR OF OHIO

www.Governor.Ohio.gov



**Reducing
Phosphorus**



Creating Wetlands



**Addressing Failing
Septic Systems**



**Preventing Lead
Contamination**

For more information please visit H2Ohio | [An Ohio Partnership for better water statewide](#)

Tree Species Descriptions

Wind Break Packet:

Contains 60 seedlings consisting of 20 White Pine, 20 Norway Spruce and 20 Scotch Pine.

White Pine:

A fast growing evergreen with long, soft needles. This makes an excellent tree to be used as a windbreak or for screening.

Scotch Pine:

A medium to slow growing evergreen tree with bluish-green needles. This tree makes a good windbreak when the tree is young, as the tree ages the lower branches die out. This tree will grow in a variety of soils as long as they are well drained.

Norway Spruce:

A fast growing evergreen with short, dark green needles and can reach 40'-60' in height. Tree makes an excellent windbreak and Christmas tree.

Colorado Spruce:

A slow to medium growing evergreen with short silvery-blue needles and can reach 30'-60' in height. This tree prefers rich, moist soils however it is more drought tolerant than other spruces. Tree makes a very attractive windbreak or Christmas tree.

Dawn Redwood:

Fast growing deciduous tree that resembles a Sequoia both in growth and foliage. The soft, bright green needle foliage turns to a bronze in the fall. The Dawn Redwood likes moist well drained soils and should be planted in an area that is protected from the winter winds. An excellent tree when placed on the banks of a stream.

White Oak:

A slow to medium growing oak that can reach up to 50'-80' in height. This tree prefers slightly acidic to neutral, deep, moist, and well-drained soils. While it does produce acorns it also delivers beautiful fall color and can live for centuries.

Sweet Gum:

A medium growing pyramidal in shape tree that will reach heights of 80' to 120' in height. The tree has a glossy, star shaped leaf with a deep purple fall color. This tree grows on moist to wet, acidic soils and is commonly found in swamps and near ponds or streams.

White Cedar:

A slow growing evergreen, often used to create privacy. This tree prefers full sun and moist, well drained soils. Will grow 40' to 60' tall.

Northern Pecan:

A medium growing tree native to Ohio that produces an edible nut. This tree prefers rich, moist soils and will grow 70' – 100' in height.

Tulip Tree:

A large sized tree that can reach a height of 100 feet when mature. The leaves are similar to the shape of a maple leaf. This tree produces a greenish white color flower in mid June. The tree is commonly found in established forests throughout Ohio.

White Dogwood:

A slower growing species that is mostly found in established forests as an under story tree. This tree which grows to a mature height of 25' has excellent white flowers in the spring and red fruit in September to October which birds love to eat. Likes well-drained acidic soils and be sure to plant in a protected area.

Redbud:

A medium growing under story tree which is found native in established forest across Ohio. This tree which grows 20' to 30' tall has edible purple flowers in the early spring and dark green leaves throughout the summer.

River Birch:

A medium to fast growing tree excellent for low swampy areas and along streams. This pyramidal shaped tree grows 40' to 70' tall, likes acidic soils, has beautiful exfoliating bark and a yellow fall color.

Serviceberry:

A medium growing small tree found native in established forests across Ohio has white flowers in the spring, glossy and dark green leaves in the summer changing to an orange/red fall color. The service berry has red fruit in early June which is edible and taste similar to a blueberry. Excellent tree for wildlife!

*Ordering information &
form on pg 4.*



2024 Tree Sale Order Form

Complete and mail payment to: Clark SWCD, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45503 - Phone: 937-521-3880

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Description	No. per Packet.	Pre-Order Price per Pkt.	No. of Packets	TOTAL
Windbreak Packet Contains 60 seedlings consisting of 20 White Pine, 20 Norway Spruce and 20 Scotch Pine.	60 seedlings	\$40.00		
White Pine	10 seedlings	\$8.00		
Scotch Pine	10 seedlings	\$8.00		
Norway Spruce	10 seedlings	\$8.00		
Colorado Spruce	10 seedlings	\$8.00		
Dawn Redwood	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
White Oak	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Sweet Gum	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Northern Pecan	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
White Dogwood	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Tulip Poplar	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Red Bud	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
River Birch	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Serviceberry	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
White Cedar	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Wildflower Seed Packet	1.0 oz.	\$5.00		
Hanging Bird Feeder	3 lb.	\$30.00		
Wren Nesting Box	1 each	\$20.00		
Bluebird Nesting Box	1 each	\$20.00		
TOTAL (make checks payable to: Clark SWCD) \$ _____				
Office Use ONLY Cash _____ Check No. _____ Receipt No. _____				

Complete & mail to:

Clark SWCD
3130 E. Main St.
Springfield, Ohio 45505

by * **Friday, March 29**

Make checks payable to:
Clark SWCD

Items MUST be picked up at the Clark SWCD office on:

* **Thursday, April 18**
from 9:00am to 7:00pm

ONE DAY PICK UP

ALL SALES ARE FINAL

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED



PLEASE NOTE

These trees are bare-root seedlings, and your best chance for survival is to place them in the ground as soon as you take delivery.

All pricing includes the Clark County sales tax rate at 7.25%.
\$7.46 (cost of tree pack) + \$0.54 (sales tax) = \$8.00

Try Placing your order online!

Go to www.clarkswcd.com and place your tree & fish order on our website!



2024 Fish Fingerling Order Form

Complete and mail payment to: Clark SWCD, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45503

Phone: 937-521-3880

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Fish Species	Size	Quantity per unit	Cost	Units Ordered	TOTAL
Bluegill	2" - 4"	25	\$30.00		
Hybrid Bluegill	2" - 4"	25	\$30.00		
Red Ear Shellcracker	2" - 4"	25	\$40.00		
Large Mouth Bass	2" - 4"	25	\$50.00		
Black Crappie	2" - 4"	25	\$46.00		
Channel Catfish	4" - 6"	25	\$30.00		
Jumbo Yellow Perch	4" - 6"	25	\$55.00		
White Amur	8" - 12"	2	\$38.00		
Black Fathead Minnows	1" - 3"	500	\$48.00		
*Tilapia	5" - 10"	4 lbs	\$84.00		
TOTAL (make checks payable to: Clark SWCD) \$ _____					

Items to bring when picking up your fish:

Fish orders are taken on a per unit basis and will be pre-boxed and ready for stocking upon pick up. If you have a large order, please be sure to drive a vehicle that will accommodate your order.

If you have any questions regarding fish, pond maintenance, or stocking recommendations, please feel free to call the Clark SWCD at 937-521-3880.

This year Clark SWCD is taking on-line orders for our fish and tree sales, go to www.clarkswcd.com for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fish Order Deadline:
Friday - April 19 @ 4:30pm

Fish Pick up Date & Time:
Friday - April 26 @ 2:45pm

*Tilapia Pick up Date & Time:
June TBA

Items MUST be picked up at the Springview Government Center.



All pricing includes the Clark County sales tax rate at 7.25%.
\$39.16 (cost of fish) + \$2.84 (sales tax) = \$42.00



Scholarship to be Offered!

Attention high school seniors and college students of Clark County. The Clark SWCD will be taking applications for students who will be enrolled at a college or university for the fall of 2024. *Current college students are eligible.*

Clark SWCD will award two \$1,000 scholarships. The applicant must be pursuing a degree in natural resources, agriculture or related field. The deadline for the scholarship is Friday May 3rd, 2024. The winners will be selected at our May board meeting.

For more information and to request an application, call the Clark SWCD at 937-521-3880 or download at www.clarkswcd.com.

New This Year!

Why Stock Tilapia?

- Tilapia can make pond management easy
- Eat many common types of algae, duckweed, watermeal, and other nuisance aquatic vegetation
- Work well with amur because tilapia prefer filamentous algae and blue green algae and amur don't
- Spawn every 18 to 21 days once they reach 4" and water temperature is above 68 F
- Females can lay up to 1500 eggs
- Control muck
- Reduce unpleasant odors from gases
- Eco friendly solution to controlling algae with little to no chemical use
- Great substitution to bluegills, because they don't take over the pond

Welcome to the team, Ty! We are happy to have you and look forward to your contributions at Clark Soil & Water.



Hello, my name is Ty Adams. I began working as the Conservation Technician for Clark SWCD in January of 2024. I attended Wittenberg University where I received a B.S. in Environmental Science in 2023. Before coming to Clark SWCD I spent a lot of time working in the construction field. While at Wittenberg, I completed an internship with National Trail Parks & Recreation District where, with the help of Dr. John Ritter, I was able to complete my first stream bank restoration project. Through this project I was introduced to aerial surveying with drones. I went on to receive a UAS remote pilot license and complete two aerial survey projects with Clark SWCD before graduating from Wittenberg. In my free time I enjoy being outdoors, and I go fishing and hiking as much as I can. As a lifelong resident of Clark County, I'm excited to be able to work with landowners in the community, and to make an impact on the conservation of our natural resources in the place I call home.

Thank you Jereme Best for your 17 Years of service, we wish you the best!

81st Annual Meeting Highlights

The Clark SWCD held the 81st annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Clark State Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center on the evening of August 15th.

Board of Supervisors Election Results:

Kevin Mattinson (re-elected) and Roger Wright were elected to the Clark SWCD Board of Supervisors and will serve until December 31, 2027. Congratulations to Kevin and Roger!



Kevin Mattinson



Roger Wright



Clark County Commissioner Sasha Rittenhouse, delivers the Oath of Office to Roger Wright and Kevin Mattinson.

Aidan Harbage, Macy Young, and Paige Pence are the winners of the 12th Annual Dale Stewart Conservation Scholarship. Congratulations Aidan, Macy and Paige!!

The annual government-wide **Feds Feed Families (FFF)** Food Drive took place at the Annual Meeting. Together we gathered **sixty-two pounds** of non-perishable food items for those in need. These food donations went to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Springfield.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meetings of the Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District shall be held at 7:30 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Unless otherwise advertised all meetings will be held at the Springview Government Center, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio. Please go to **www.clarkswcd.com** to verify changes to meeting time and date.



George Degenhart of German Township was awarded the 2023 Cooperator of the Year Award sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Ohio Department

of Agriculture. The award is part of a state program sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The program seeks to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the conservation of our natural resources. George was nominated for the award by the Clark Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors and Staff. Congratulations George!!!

The Clark SWCD Board & Staff would like to thank **Clark County Commissioners Melanie Flax Wilt, Lowell McGlothlin, and Sash Rittenhouse** for their continued support. Funding for the SWCD begins at the local level where county appropriations are matched by State funds.

Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker

The Clark SWCD held the 81st annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Clark State Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center on the evening of August 15th. The Keynote Speaker for the evening was **Dr. Greg McGlinch**. Greg McGlinch, PhD is a fifth-generation Darke County farmer and an assistant professor with the Wright State University Lake Campus Agriculture program. Greg teaches courses in agronomy, nutrient management, marketing, and brewing while providing guidance to students in the agriculture field.

Greg and his family have a farming operation that implements many diverse conservation practices such as no-till, cover crops, nutrient management, side-dressing with swine manure, termination of cover crops by crimping, habitat implementation, and innovative practices to improve soil health. Greg spoke about ways to economically maximize the benefits of cover crops.



Serving on The Board of Supervisors for 2024 are **Brenna Cross (Chairman), Brent Pence (Vice Chairman), Kevin Mattinson (Treasurer), Roger Wright (Secretary) and Brian Funderburgh (Fiscal Agent)**. For additional information please call **Chris Simpson, District Administrator** at 937-521-3880 or go to **www.clarkswcd.com**



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