



Stark Soil and Water Conservation District

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Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Cover Crop Program

Stark Soil and Water Conservation District will once again partner in a grant through the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District to implement cover crops in Stark County field. Local points will be awarded to new program applicants, and for the application of seed mixes. Organizers strive to get winter cover on fields with low residue, such as corn silage and soybeans. Therefore, low residue fields will score higher.

The 2017 cost-share rate will be \$12/acre. Interested applicants must submit completed paperwork to Stark Soil and Water prior to sign-up deadline of June 20, 2017.

For more information, contact Stark SWCD at 330-451-7645. Enrollment is not eligible in non-jurisdictional MWCD areas of Lake, Marlboro, Lexington and Washington townships.

Stark SWCD is now offering basic soil testing in house! The basic soil test will test for pH, nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, and soil composition. ***THIS IS NOT*** a certified laboratory test! This test is used as a baseline for hobbyist gardeners and lawns. Testing is **\$5.00** and will take approximately 2-3 days for results. You must drop off your soil sample, and the results will be provided in an email for faster and easier correspondence, if you have additional questions. If you would prefer, you're always welcome to call the office and speak with our Education Specialist, Rebecca O'Neill.



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Spring Edition

Ohio Conservation Farm Family Awards!

Co-sponsored by Ohio Farmer magazine and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

The Ohio Conservation Farm Family Awards program recognizes farmers who are doing an outstanding job of protecting and conserving soil, water and related natural resources on the land they farm. Coordinated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation and co-sponsored by Ohio Farmer magazine and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the program emphasizes the application of technically sound, innovative and cost-effective conservation practices and encourages the sharing of this information with other farmers and the general public. For questions about the application contact, Division of Soil and Water Conservation at 614-265-6682 or dswc@agri.ohio.gov five area finalists are selected from around Ohio. All five finalists will be recognized as winners of the Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award at a ceremony during the Farm Science Review in September and will be featured in the September issue of Ohio Farmer magazine. The winners will also receive a \$400 check courtesy of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.



Entry Deadline is May 17. Nomination applications can be picked up at the Stark SWCD office or visit our website and obtain the application from our homepage! GOOD LUCK to all nominees!

Ohio Livestock Coalition Making LEAPs in Protecting the Environment

As Ohio livestock farmers, taking care of the environment is a top priority. The Ohio Livestock Environmental Assurance Program (LEAP) is a voluntary program to help Ohio's livestock farms take a hands-on approach in protecting the land, air and water on and around farms.

The program was founded in 1997, and previously existed only in print. The Ohio Livestock Coalition recently launched the program online to make information more easily accessible to farmers throughout the state of Ohio. As a member of the Ohio Livestock Coalition, Stark Soil and Water Conservation District supports the program and encourages all Ohio farmers to visit the website at <https://ohleap.org/>.

LEAP is available to all Ohio livestock farmers who are interested in taking a proactive approach in protecting Ohio farm lands, and creating an environment in which Ohio's farm community can prosper and grow. LEAP helps farmers identify and address key management issues affecting environmental quality by providing helpful evaluation tools and resources.

If you own a farm, use manure in your operations, have an issue on your farm, or are looking to expand visit ohleap.org to find helpful tools and current legislation.



Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

Stark County Crop Producers' Breakfast

Thursday May 4th, 2017 @ 8:00am - Mold Inhibitors at Thompson's Dairyland & Meals are optional and at your own expense.

720 Market

Saturday May 13th, 2017 @ 10:00am - 3:00pm - at Fieldcrest Estates at 1346 Easthill St. North Canton, Ohio 44720. We will have an information booth and kid friendly activities

Annual Rain Barrel Workshop/Sale

Wednesday May 24th, 2017 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm - will be held at the Jackson Administrative Offices, 5735 Wales Ave. NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646. The cost is \$65 per Rain Barrel. To attend the workshop and/or order your rain barrel you will need to visit the Stark SWCD website at www.starkswcd.org to print an order form for your rain barrel purchase. Reservations and payment are **REQUIRED** no later than **Monday, May 15th, 2017**.

Stark County Producers' Breakfast

Thursday June 1st, 2017 @ 8:00am - Seasonal Issues at Thompson's Dairyland & Meals are optional and at your own expense.

Homeowners Series Workshop Lawn Care and Fertilizer Reduction

Wednesday June 21st, 2017 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm - at Canton Township Administrative Offices, 4711 Central Ave. SE Canton, Ohio 44707. We will go over the best management practices and talk about non chemical substitutes!

720 Market

Saturday June 24th, 2017 @ 10:00am-3:00pm - at South Main Watershed Centre 1240 South Main St, North Canton 44720. We will have an information booth and kid friendly activities.

Stark County Crop Producers' Breakfast

Thursday July 6th, 2017 @ 8:00am - Cover Crops and Weed Control Follow Up at Thompson's Dairyland & Meals are optional and at your own expense.

Stark County Crop Producers' Breakfast

Thursday August 3rd, 2017 @ 8:00am - Farm Employees at Thompson's Dairyland & Meals are optional and at your own expense.

Homeowners Series Workshop Compost Bins

Wednesday August 16th, 2017 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm - at the Louisville Constitution Center, 1022 W. Main St. Louisville, Ohio 44641. Learn about composting & compost bins! You will need to visit the Stark SWCD website at www.starkswcd.org to print an order form for your purchase. Reservations and payment are **REQUIRED** no later than **August 2, 2017**.

Homeowners Series Workshops about Vermiculture

Wednesday September 13th, 2017 @ 6:00pm - 8:00pm - at The Plain Township Administrative Offices, 2600 East Canton, Ohio 44721. Learn the method of composting using worms to speed up the process!



EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS



Educator's Workshops

Anyone looking to incorporate new standards-based material into their science curriculum? Schedule a professional development workshop on Project WET or Project WILD Pre-K through 12 Curriculum!

Project WET water education curriculum was developed by the EPA. The cost of the workshops are \$25 and include curriculum materials and access to the online portal.

Project WILD workshops are provided free of charge through the sale of Ohio hunting and fishing licenses. The environmental education curriculum was developed by ODNR and includes Project WILD, Aquatic WILD, and Growing up WILD.

Workshops must be scheduled at least one month in advance to obtain materials.

Educational Programming

Stark Soil and Water will present informational lessons and workshops to Stark County Schools and Organizations on soil, water, and natural resources. Any teacher, aide, professor, leader, or coordinator for all ages may contact us.

Educators may contact the office with a learning standard that they would like an activity, speaker, or further information on, and we will more than happy to schedule a program, or provide you with additional information and/or activities. Our webpage provides learning standards that we may assist with, as well as sample activities that we may present.

Adults and groups may contact us to attend an event, or present information to your group, organization, or community. We can present on best management practices and conservation around the home. All programs and materials are free of charge.

Contractor's Workshop

Calling all Contractors... Stark Soil and Water in collaboration with the Stark BIA

(Building Industry Association), are set to host an informative workshop, designed to make Compliance with Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans both Efficient and Effective. Developers, engineers and community officials are also welcome. We look to share best management practices designed to protect the environment while growing the economy.

Date: Wednesday June 28, 2017 @ 11:00am - 12:00pm (followed by a light lunch and Q & A session)

Location: Stark BIA 4344 Metro Circle NW, North Canton, OH 44720

Please call Stark SWCD at 330-451-7645 for reservations!





Rain Barrel Order Form

Rain Barrel:

- 55-gallon reconditioned plastic drum
- Removable lid
- Includes: spigot, overflow, and debris/mosquito filter

Cost: \$65



Rain Barrel Workshop:

- When: Wednesday May 24
- Time: 6 to 8 pm
- Where: Jackson Administrative Offices, 5735 Wales Ave. NW, Massillon, OH 44646
- What: Learn about water conservation around the home, and assemble rain barrels

Those who are unable to attend the workshop may pick up their rain barrels at Stark Soil and Water, 2650 Richville Dr SE Suite 100, Massillon, OH 44646, on May 25, 26, 30, 31 from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Pre-order deadline

May 15th

**MAIL OR DROP OFF ORDER
FORM AND PAYMENT TO;**
Stark Soil and Water
Conservation District
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Quantity		Item	Total
		Price	
	Rain Barrel	\$65	\$

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Township (if applicable): _____

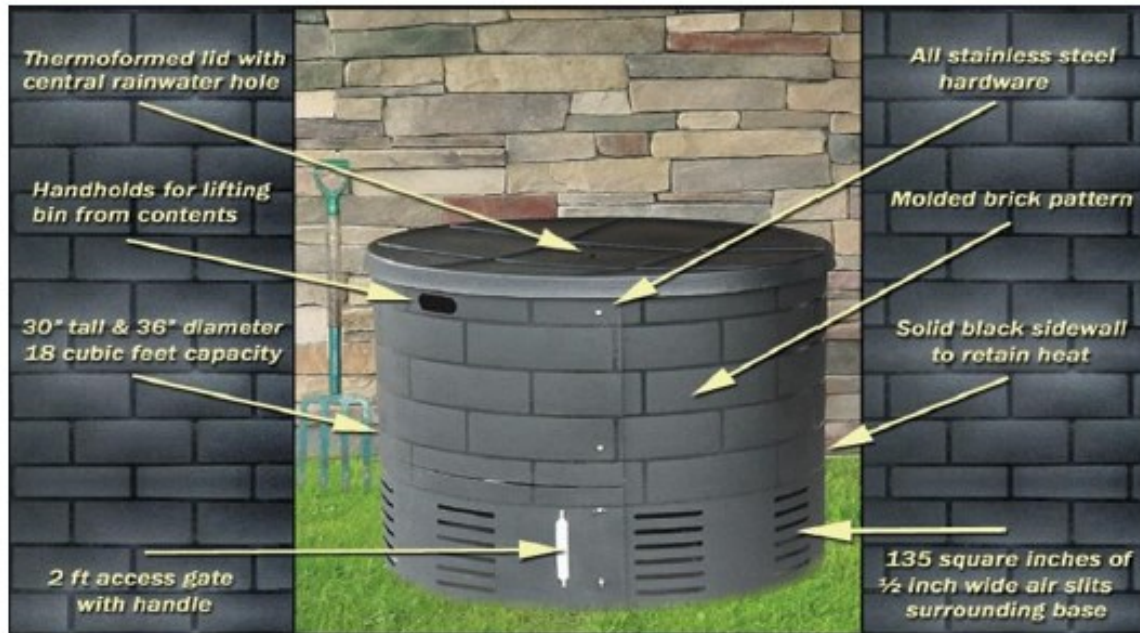
Phone: _____

Email: _____

Attending Workshop: _____



COMPOST BIN ORDER FORM



COST: \$50 PER BIN

DATE: AUGUST 16, 2017 @ 6:00pm - 8:00pm

LOCATION: Louisville Constitution Center, 1022 W. Main St. Louisville, Ohio 44641

Those who attend the workshop will receive their compost bins that evening. For those who wish to just purchase the compost bin, or are unable to attend the workshop pick will be August 17 & 18 from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Instructions and accessories will be attached to all compost bins.

PRE-ORDER DEADLINE: **August 2nd!** Mail or drop off order form and payment to: Stark Soil and Water Conservation District, 2650 Richville Dr. SE Suite 100, Massillon, Ohio 44646

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIPCODE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ATTENDING WORKSHOP: _____