



## *2018 Spring Edition*

### **OHIO CONSERVATION FARM FAMILY AWARD**

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](mailto: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. The nomination form is available at the Stark SWCD office and online at [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov).

Entry Deadline is May 25th.

Nominations are to be sent to:

Conservation Farm Family Award, C/O Ohio Department of Agriculture  
8995 E. Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH 43608 or by email to [dswc@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:dswc@agri.ohio.gov)

### **Community Presentations**

**Stark Soil and Water values the importance of conservation education to Stark County residents of all ages. In order to enhance awareness, citizens may request speakers on a variety agricultural, storm water, or urban conservation topics. Presentations are approximately one hour in length and are free of charge. Speakers are scheduled based on time of request and availability. We have a variety of topics on which we may provide information, as well as accept requests for program topics. For more information contact the office at 330-451-7645.**



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**ATTENTION ALL PRODUCERS LOOKING TO DIVERSIFY THEIR  
ROTATIONS AND MARKETS!**

WE WILL BE HOSTING A MALTED BARLEY FIELD DAY ON JUNE 2ND FROM 10AM-NOON AT MAIZE VALLEY WINERY & CRAFT BREWERY LOCATED AT 6193 EDISON ST NE, HARTVILLE, OH. PRODUCERS WILL LEARN ABOUT THE "GROWING" MARKET FOR MALTED BARLEY AS WELL AS MANAGEMENT TIPS AND CONCERNS. SPEAKERS FROM A LOCAL MALTING FACILITY WILL EXPLAIN THE QUALITY THEY ARE LOOKING FOR. BILL FROM MAIZE VALLEY WILL PRESENT ON HIS EXPERIENCES GROWING MALTED BARLEY FOR PRODUCTION, AND RESEARCHERS FROM OHIO STATE-OARDC WILL DISCUSS PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS VARIETIES THAT GROW WELL IN OHIO. PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 25TH BY CALLING THE OFFICE AT 330.451.7645

***Stark Crop Producers' Breakfast***

APRIL 5TH 8AM COVER CROP TERMINATION  
MAY 3RD 8AM WEED AND PEST CONTROL  
JUNE 7TH 8AM SOIL HEALTH TESTING  
JULY 5TH 8AM SMALL GRAIN CROP ROTATIONS  
LOCATED @ THOMPSON'S DAIRYLAND - LOUISVILLE, OH

***EASTERN OHIO GRAZING COUNCIL PASTURE WALK***

**DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2018 @ 4310 RUBY RD NW, CARROLLTON, OH 44615.**

**TIME: 6:00PM**

**JOIN US AS WE BEGIN THE 2018 PASTURE WALK SEASON ON THIS CARROLL COUNTY BEEF FARM WHERE WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON RENOVATION OF EXISTING PASTURE SYSTEMS. PLEASE CONTACT CARROLL SWCD AT 330-627-9852 TO REGISTER.**

**COVER CROP PROGRAM**

STARK SOIL & WATER IS ONCE AGAIN OFFERING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT'S COVER CROP PROGRAM. LAST YEAR, 1,734 ACRES OF FUNDED COVER CROP ACRES WERE PLANTED IN STARK COUNTY, RESULTING IN THE REDUCTION OF 3,223 TONS OF SEDIMENT ENTERING WATERWAYS. ADDITIONALLY, ESSENTIAL PLANT NUTRIENTS -3,308 LBS. OF PHOSPHORUS AND 6,616 LBS. OF TOTAL NITROGEN- WERE KEPT IN THE SOIL PROFILE. INTERESTED PRODUCERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON JUNE 6TH (6:00-7:30PM), JUNE 11TH (9:00-10:30AM), OR JUNE 25TH (9:00-10:30AM) AT THE USDA SERVICE CENTER (2650 RICHVILLE DR. SE) IN MASSILLON, OHIO.

APPROVED FIELDS LOCATED IN THE WATERSHED WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$12 COST SHARE PER ACRE. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A SIGN-UP APPOINTMENT, CONTACT DISTRICT TECHNICIAN JAY JORDAN AT 330-451-7643. DEADLINE TO TURN IN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 30TH.



# HOMEOWNERS SERIES WORKSHOPS

## LAWN MAINTENANCE & FERTILIZER REDUCTION

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018 LAWRENCE TWP ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 5828 MANCHESTER AVE. NORTH LAWRENCE, OH 44666

TIME: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

THE WORKSHOP WILL HIGHLIGHT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR YARD CLIPPINGS AND YARD WASTE USING NON CHEMICAL SUBSTITUTES. CINDY PETITTI FROM ANTHONY PETITTI'S ORGANIC GREENHOUSE WILL BE PRESENT TO SHARE HER EXPERTISE ON ORGANIC LAWN CARE. LEARN TO BE THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AND CONSERVATION STEWARD FOR INFILTRATION, SOIL EROSION, IMPERVIOUS SURFACE REDUCTION, AND STORM DRAIN USE. TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT STARK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AT 330-451-SOIL (7645) BY FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2018. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT BECCA O'NEILL, EDUCATION SPECIALIST.

## RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 @ PERRY TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, 3111 HILTON ST. MASSILLON, OHIO 44646

TIME: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

THE WORKSHOP WILL CONSIST OF A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON RAIN BARRELS AND OVERALL WATER CONSERVATION, FOLLOWED BY CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS AND INDIVIDUAL RAIN BARREL ASSEMBLY. THE COST FOR THE RAIN BARREL AND DIVERTER KIT IS \$65. TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY, PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDER FORM (LOCATED AT [WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG](http://WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG)) TURNED IN BY APRIL 11TH. ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES WILL BE ORDERED, BUT SUPPLIES WILL BE LIMITED. RESERVATIONS TO ONLY ATTEND ARE REQUIRED BY APRIL 20TH, 330-451-SOIL (7645). PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK OR WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

## TESTING LAWN AND GARDEN SOIL \*TEST YOUR OWN SOIL\*

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018 @ PLAIN TOWNSHIP 2782 DIAMOND ST NE CANTON, OHIO 44721 DIAMOND RECREATION CENTER

TIME: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

LEARN HOW TO TEST YOUR PERSONAL SOIL, INTERPRET THE RESULTS, AND DEVELOP A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR YOUR LAWNS AND GARDENS. SOIL SAMPLES WILL BE TESTED FOR COMPOSITION, PH, AND ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS. RESULTS WILL THEN BE USED TO CALCULATE NUTRIENT AMENDMENTS. PLEASE SEE OUR EVENTS PAGE AT [WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG](http://WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG) ON HOW TO COLLECT A SOIL SAMPLE. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO ENSURE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY APRIL 20TH TO 330-451-SOIL(7645).

## GREEN CLEANING \*MAKE & TAKE\*

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 @ LAKE TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT, 1499 MIDWAY ST NW, UNIONTOWN, OHIO 44685

TIME: 9:00AM - 11:00AM

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHOOSING HEALTHIER CLEANING ALTERNATIVES FOR YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND THE ENVIRONMENT? IF SO, THAT'S GREAT! DURING THIS HANDS-ON WORKSHOP, MULTIPLE ECO-FRIENDLY HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS WILL BE PRODUCED USING NATURAL INGREDIENTS, VINEGAR, AND ESSENTIAL OILS. CREATE A CLEAN HOME THAT IS SAFE FOR YOUR FAMILY, PETS, AND LOCAL WATERSHEDS! REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY MAY 4TH.

## RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 @ NORTH CANTON DOGWOOD SHELTER 241 7TH ST. NE NORTH CANTON, OHIO 44720

TIME: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

THE WORKSHOP WILL CONSIST OF A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON RAIN BARRELS AND OVERALL WATER CONSERVATION, FOLLOWED BY CONSTRUCTING YOUR RAIN BARREL. THE COST FOR THE 55-GALLON RAIN BARREL AND DIVERTER KIT IS \$65. TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY, PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDER FORM TURNED IN BY APRIL 11TH. ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES WILL BE ORDERED, BUT SUPPLIES WILL BE LIMITED. REGISTRATION TO ATTEND IS REQUIRED BY MAY 4TH.

## TESTING LAWN AND GARDEN SOIL \*TEST YOUR OWN SOIL\*

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018 @ CANTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING 4711 CENTRAL AVE SE CANTON, OHIO 44707

TIME: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

LEARN HOW TO TEST YOUR PERSONAL SOIL, INTERPRET THE RESULTS, AND DEVELOP A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR YOUR LAWNS AND GARDENS. SOIL SAMPLES WILL BE TESTED FOR COMPOSITION, PH, AND ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS. RESULTS WILL THEN BE USED TO CALCULATE NUTRIENT AMENDMENTS. PLEASE SEE OUR EVENTS PAGE AT [WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG](http://WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG) ON HOW TO COLLECT A SOIL SAMPLE. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO ENSURE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MAY 18TH TO 330-451-SOIL(7645).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WORKSHOPS VISIT US ON FACEBOOK @STARKSWCD OR [WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG](http://WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG)





## It's time for Spring and what that means for storm water systems?

As temperatures rise with the onset of spring, an important storm water issue will also unveil itself: snow melt.

Litter, which has been hidden under layers of snow, accumulates over winter. As the snow melts, litter will drain into storm systems that discharge into lakes, rivers, and streams.

Although communities work to clean the streets during fair weather seasons, winter weather prevents them from doing so. The snow melt can also carry excess road salt particles into aquatic systems raising salinity levels and creating an environment where fish and plants struggle to survive. Fecal matter from dogs and other animals flows into storm water systems and transports bacteria into local waters. The bacteria can be harmful to aquatic organisms and limit recreation on surface waters.

What can you do?

- \* Pick up and dispose of litter along curbs and lawns
- \* Sweep up excess salt from driveways and sidewalks
- \* Clean up animal feces in your yard
- \* Observe the flow of water into storm drains and remove any unwanted debris

# Composting Workshop & Sale

**PRESENTED BY: STARK SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Those who attend the workshop will receive their compost bins that evening. For those who wish to just purchase, or are unable to attend the workshop pick up will be June 14th - June 22nd from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Instructions and accessories will be attached to all compost bins. Cost per compost bin \$50

WHEN: JUNE 13, 2018

TIME: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

WHERE: USDA SERVICE CENTER, 2650 RICHVILLE DR. SE  
MASSILLON, OHIO 44646

GO TO [WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG](http://WWW.STARKSWCD.ORG) FOR MORE DETAILS

TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY PRE-ORDER DEADLINE IS MAY 14TH! MAIL OR DROP  
OFF THIS ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

STARK SOIL AND WATER  
2650 RICHVILLE DR. SE SUITE 100, MASSILLON, OHIO 44646

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/ZIP/TOWNSHIP(if applicable):

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

May we have your email to our electronic mailing  
list for updates & quarterly newsletters?  
YES or NO

QTY: TOTAL: \$

\*LARGE CAPACITY – 11 CUBIC  
FEET/311 LITERS

\*CONVENIENT 12"X16" OFFSET  
FRONT HARVEST DOOR

\*TWIST LOCKING LID  
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL  
COLUMNAR VENTILATION

\*RODENT RESISTANT

\*EASY, LARGE ACCESS 20.25  
INCH DIAMETER LID OPENING

\*33" HIGH X 31" WIDE

MADE OF 100% RECYCLED  
MATERIALS



RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY NO LATER THAN JUNE  
8TH TO ATTEND. PLEASE CALL 330-451-SOIL(7645)

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# \* Rain Barrel Order Form \*

As part of the Homeowners Series, we are offering TWO workshops to learn about & assemble rain barrels. All are welcome to attend even if a rain barrel is not purchased. If you are purchasing and not attending the workshop, you may pick up your rain barrel beginning April 25th at OUR office. Reservations to ONLY attend are due by April 20th (PERRY) & May 4th (NORTH CANTON). If you are purchasing a rain barrel you will need to visit [www.starkswcd.org](http://www.starkswcd.org) to print an order form or stop by the office!

To ensure availability, please have your order form turned in by April 11th. Additional quantities will be ordered, but supplies will be limited.

When: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 @ 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Perry Township Administrative Offices, 3111 Hilton St Massillon, Ohio 44646

OR

When: Thursday, May 10, 2018 @ 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: North Canton Dogwood Shelter 241 7th St NE North Canton, Ohio 44720



**55 Gallon Reconditioned  
Plastic Drum  
Removable lid  
Diverter kit Parts**



NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY/TOWNSHIP:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL: May we add your email to our quarterly electronic newsletter? YES or NO	
#ATTENDING WORKSHOP & LOCATION	
RAIN BARREL QUANTITY: (\$65 per barrel)	QTY: TOTAL:

**ORDER DEADLINE  
April 11th!**

**Please mail or drop off payment  
and order form to:**

**Stark Soil and Water**

**2650 Richville Dr. SE STE 100**

**Massillon, Ohio 44646**



*The Stark Soil and Water mission is to conserve our natural resources by educating, guiding and assisting the citizens of Stark County.*