



CONSERVATION AT THE CROSSROADS

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SWCD Annual Fall Tree, Shrub and Rain Barrel Sale

Order by Sept. 25th, Pick up on Oct. 4th

Fall is the best time to plant trees & shrubs! Fall plantings have the best transplant survival rates overall. Add native shrubs and trees and support conservation work in our county by ordering from the Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District's Fall Tree and Shrub sale. We will also be selling rain barrels. Our trees are container grown and have a well-established root system so they are ready to take off and grow as soon as you plant them. Most of our trees and shrubs are native to Indiana making them the best choice for our climate and soil types as well as being the most beneficial to our native wildlife species.

We again have two rain barrel types for sale. Our original rain barrel is made from recycled materials and has brass hardware. It comes with a water saver downspout connector and sells for \$75. Our economy model has plastic hardware and utilizes your own downspout connection to direct water into the barrel. It sells for \$65. Both rain barrels hold approximately 50 gallons of rain water. You can see pictures of the

rain barrels on our website at www.marionswcd.org – click the “Go Green” tab and follow it to the “Water Management” page. Here you will also find additional information on rain barrels, how to use them and how to make your own.



See pages 4-6 of this newsletter for the order forms and more information. Complete tree and shrub descriptions are available from our office by contacting Marilyn at 317-786-1776 or on our website under the “Trees” tab.

In order to practice material and energy conservation, the Marion County SWCD newsletters will go totally electronic in 2015. Please send your email address to marilyn-hughes@iaswcd.org in order to continue receiving our newsletters! Thank you.

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Easy Invasive Plant Control

It is easy to control invasive plants like Asian Bush Honeysuckle, Multiflora Rose, Tree of Heaven or Burning Bush. For help with identification see our website <http://marionswcd.org/invasive-species/>. All of these plants are common along creeks, roadsides, parks, woodlands and odd areas in Marion County and are creeping into many yards. Fall is a great time to control these plants because the plant is moving lots of nutrients from the leaves to the roots for winter storage and applied herbicides move right along with the nutrients.

There are several common control methods. A labor intensive method is to dig them out making sure all the roots are removed. If all root fragments are not removed a new plant is likely to emerge. Although labor intensive this way is for those who do not want to use herbicides. Another is to spray the foliage with a herbicide labeled as a brush killer. This requires the least labor but results in the dead plant standing until it falls or is removed and is unsightly to some. A disadvantage to this method is the potential to kill desirable plants if they have not become dormant.

The method shown below is popular with many people. This involves cutting the stem just above the ground and spraying or painting the stump with glyphosate (Round-Up) or other brush killer. The chemical will move to the roots killing the plant. This cut stem method is considered by many as the most effective and least expensive. It does require removal of the cut top growth. This method uses the least amount of herbicide and results in little or no damage to other plants. This cut stem method can be used after other plants are dormant protecting them from herbicide damage.



In the photo on the left the plant stem (in this case a bush honeysuckle) is cut with a pair of loppers. A small saw is also effective.

In the photo to the right the cut stem is sprayed with the glyphosate herbicide. No need to buy a sprayer – an empty Windex bottle works just as well as does a paint brush. *Our thanks to Bob Eddleman for providing Invasives information.*

Conservation at the Crossroads is published quarterly to give information to landusers by the Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District, Discovery Hall, 1202 E. 38th St, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46205 Phone: 317-786-1776 FAX: 317-786-1757 website: marionswcd.org

The Marion County SWCD holds a regular monthly board meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public & are held at the SWCD office at the address above. This board meets to administer the program of soil & water conservation in Marion County. The district prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status.

The Mission of the Marion County SWCD is to assist Marion County land users in conserving soil, water and related natural resources by providing technical, financial and educational services.

Come Celebrate Fall Creek

September 13th - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This event will celebrate the new Fall Creek Greenway, which goes all the way from Meridian Street on the south side of Fall Creek to Fort Harrison State Park in Lawrence. It is approximately 10 miles - the longest trail in Indianapolis! In those 10 miles you will need to stop only 4 times to cross a street!

There will be many events taking place along the Greenway and Creek, such as water-quality demonstrations, fishing experiences for children, hands-on archery, food trucks, music, nature walks, clean-ups, public art and watershed ecology stations. Many neighborhood and community organizations are contributing events all along the Creek, including the Fall Creek Watershed Partnership Backyard Conservation Program and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Marion Counties.

A wide variety of green infrastructure practices are peppered throughout the area. Three "Clean Water" conservation practices in particular will be showcased with information tents nearby. Stop at the Millersville Retention Pond near 56th Street and Emerson Way to view pond edge enhancements of native plantings that stabilize the shoreline and reduce erosion and sedimentation. Just downstream on the 5300 block of Fall Creek Parkway Drive North you can see firsthand how two residents addressed drainage and flooding issues at the edge of their driveway and street by



constructing a dry creek bed and bioswale with native plantings and a gravel reservoir that infiltrates stormwater runoff during heavy rains. Closer into the City is a gorgeous and functional rain garden at Broadway United Methodist Church that intercepts thousands of gallons of runoff from their enormous slate roof.

To get more information and a map, go to the Destination Fall Creek web site at DFCIndy.org. The event is free, and there is no registration. Bike or walk all or part of new Greenway.



In the Fall Creek area Denny & Catherine Krauser created a bioswale & dry creek bed to solve a drainage problem & improve water quality.

The Marion County SWCD Board and staff welcomes Maggie Goeglein as their new SWCD Supervisor!

Marion SWCD Fall Tree & Shrub Order Form

Tree Species	Sizes Available	Price Each	Quantity Ordered	Total Amount
Ohio Buckeye	1 gallon	\$18.00		
River Birch (single)	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Sweetgum	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Northern Pecan	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Shagbark Hickory	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Flowering Dogwood	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Tulip Poplar	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Black Cherry	3 gallon	\$25.00		
White Oak	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Shingle Oak	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Chinquapin Oak	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Sassafrass	3 gallon	\$25.00		
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Thank you Affiliate Members for your support of conservation through the Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District!

Donate to support the mission of the Marion County SWCD by becoming an Affiliate Member! Check our website: www.marionswcd.org or call the office for more information (317)786-1776

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Tree Species	Sizes Available	Price Each	Quantity Ordered	Total Amount
Red Maple	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Hazelnut	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Eastern Red Cedar	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Sycamore	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Swamp White Oak	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Bur Oak	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Red Oak	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Shumard Oak	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Black Gum	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Shrub Species	Sizes Available	Price Each	Quantity Ordered	Total Amount
Witch Hazel	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Spicebush	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Button Bush	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Speckled Alder	1 gallon	\$18.00		
Silky Dogwood	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		

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Shrub Species	Sizes Available	Price Each	Quantity Ordered	Total Amount
Red Osier Dogwood	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Common Ninebark	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Pasture Rose	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Elderberry	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Indigo Bush	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Blackhaw Viburnum	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Coralberry	3 gallon	\$25.00		
Black Chokecherry	1 gallon	\$18.00		
	3 gallon	\$25.00		

Total number ordered and amount due - _____ \$ _____

Original 50 gallon Rainbarrel with diverter - \$75 each Qty. _____ Amt. \$ _____

Economy Model Rainbarrel - \$65 each Qty. _____ Amt. \$ _____

Discounts Available: \$20 off order of 10+ trees/shrubs and \$200 off 100+. - \$ _____

Order Deadline: September 25th TOTAL ENCLOSED - \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Marion County SWCD and mail to Discovery Hall, 1202 E. 38th Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46205

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Descriptions of all species and rainbarrels are available on our website: www.marionswcd.org

Tree Order Reminders

Order Deadline: **Thursday, Sept. 25th**

Pick up date: **Saturday, October 4th**
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pick up your trees in front of **Discovery Hall** at the northwest corner of the **Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th Street**

(A reminder and directions will be posted on our website - www.marionswcd.org - and will be mailed to you.)



Note: Be sure to bring a vehicle large enough to accommodate your order!

If your trees are not picked up on October 4th, unless other arrangements have been made before this date, your trees will be donated.
NO REFUNDS.

Farm Services Agency News
Marion/Johnson Counties
3059 N. Morton
Franklin, IN 46131
317-736-6822



Contact the Office for updates and fall deadlines.

Help for Landowners

This publication is a quick guide for who to call and where to look when you have questions about natural resources and conservation on your land in Indiana. Whether you have owned your land for a lifetime, or are a new Indiana landowner, you may have questions when it comes to land use and conservation.

There are several local, state and federal agencies and organizations that can be very helpful to you in addressing natural resource issues on your land. If you're not sure who to contact, give any one of the groups listed in this publication a call. They will gladly refer you to the appropriate agency or organization.

To download the publication go to our website: <http://marionswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/find-answers-to-your-nr-questions-two-page.pdf>

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Manure Management Workshop

Bring Your Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, October 1 at Noon

Many urban families are becoming interested in raising some of their own produce, meat and eggs or enjoy having horses or small livestock as a hobby. Backyard poultry, rabbits and other animals are fun and beneficial to raise but they can produce a good amount of manure over time which will become a problem if not planned for.

The Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Marion County Cooperative Extension Service office and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are teaming up to bring you helpful information on how to raise livestock on small acreages while remaining a good neighbor and being good to the environment. If you are interested in this topic, please contact us to help us plan a session that will be helpful for you. Let us know what types and numbers of animals you have or plan to have, what questions you need answers for and what type of help you need.

This free workshop will be held in Discovery Hall in the northwest corner of the State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th Street. Please contact Julie Farr at the SWCD office: julie-farr@iaswcd.org to register or for more information.



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