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2025 Rain Barrel Sale

Two ways to order: Online at www.allenswcd.com or by mailing the form below with payment. Rain barrels will need to be picked up by the customer at our district office, 1870 Slabtown Road, Lima, Ohio. For more information, call 419-222-0846 x1004.

Features of this rain barrel:

- 50 gallon barrel with snap on lid
- Lid can be inverted for use as a planter
- 30%+ recycled content
- Sealed system resists mosquitoes, insects, and algae growth
- Includes diverter and all parts needed for installation
- Diverter is easy to install and winterize
- No special tools needed – hole saw included
- Spigot and drain have standard garden hose connection
- Illustrated step-by-step instructions
- Works with standard rectangular downspouts



Rain Barrel Order Form

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone_____Email_____

Number of rain barrels_____x $110.00 each = $_____total payment submitted
Send your payment to Allen SWCD, 1870 Slabtown Road, Lima, OH 45801.
We will contact you about rain barrel pickup once we receive your order.

ALLEN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1870 Slabtown Road
Lima, OH 45801

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2025 Tree Seedling Giveaway

The Allen Soil & Water Conservation District is excited to partner with the Kiwanis Club of Lima to distribute over 2,500 tree seedlings to Allen County students. But we need your help.

Packaging these seedlings takes a lot of time, and we could use some help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our office at 419-222-0846 ext. 1002. The packaging will take place on Wednesday, April 9th, at 8 a.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Coffee and donuts will be provided for all who volunteer for this fun job.

For more information on the tree seedling giveaway, please look at the following link for a video we created on YouTube to help the students learn how to plant and care for their trees. https://youtu.be/syR-CYI7-9_4

Welcome New Employee



Danny Boroff joined Allen SWCD staff February 6th as a Nutrient Management Specialist. Danny has been involved in the ag industry for around 20 years. He has been involved in the production side as well as the manufacturing side. He worked on a cattle and grain operation for 15 years, and at Unverferth Manufacturing for 3 years. Danny looks forward to assisting in conservation within Allen County and working with our area producers. Danny is engaged to his fiancé Ashely and has 3 children Adyleigh 11, Landon 9, and Cash 8. When asked about his family Danny responded, “My family’s my world.” He enjoys the outdoors and tries to spend as much time possible hunting and fishing. He is a sports nut as well. Dany says, “Anything Browns, Buckeyes or the Indians will draw me in.”

You Scream, I Scream For SPRING!

With spring on all our minds, we should start thinking about ice melt. I don’t just mean warmer weather. As ice starts to melt and makes its way to our waterways, it will pick up whatever pollutants are sitting on top and carry them away with it. This includes your pet waste. Pet waste can carry bacteria called E. coli. if E. coli gets into our water, it can cause illness for anything that drinks it.

“But what can be done??” The answer is simple. Safely pick up your pets’ waste and dispose of it properly in the trash. If we all do this before the ice and snow melt, we can protect our waterways!

Receive Your Newsletter Via Email

We're making it easy for you to receive and read The Conservationist. If you prefer to receive this newsletter via email, please let us know and we will be glad to add you to our email list. Just contact Casey at 419-222-0846 x1002 or casey@allenswcd.com.

The Conservationist is published each spring and fall and contains local, up-to-date news you need to know as a farmer or landowner in Allen County.

Stay current with the programs and services offered by the Allen Soil and Water Conservation District. Put your address on our email list for The Conservationist today.

ALLEN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Resources for Life Resources for Growth

Nothing Beats FREE!!

Allen SWCD offers FREE environmental lessons to "scientists" of all ages. Whether you are a kindergarten teacher or the president of your retirement club, our educator, Lydia Archambo, would love to talk to you!

How can you beat lessons like...

- Watershed Madness
- Rain Barrel Rush
- Parts of the River
- Ottawa River Game
- Pathogen Pathways
- Survival in the Stream
- Field Journaling
- Permeability WHAT?
- Bugs in the Stream and What They Mean



If any of these lessons interest you, contact Lydia Archambo at 419-222-0846 X1004 or lydia@allenswcd.com. Don't see something you are interested in? ASK! Lydia is always coming up with new activities to bring to the community.

Conservation Tillage & Technology Conference

The 2025 CTTC will be March 11-12, 2025 at Ohio Northern University. Connect with other farmers and CCAs, experience new ideas, and increase your net income. Our theme is "Getting More from Less." Cutting costs is key following a year where corn and soybean yields were reduced for many farmers. And crop prices are barely breakeven. We don't know what the weather will be in 2025, but commodity prices are projected to stay low.

Jeff Duling, Putnam County, will discuss how he works with Mother Nature to increase yields with no-till and cover crops. Part of his farmland is Paulding clay, considered the worst soil in NW Ohio. He has increased corn yields on it by 50 to 75 Bu/ac.

Connor Sible, Asst. Professor, U. of Illinois, will share his research on various methods of "Managing Residue (from high-yielding corn): Mechanical, Chemical, and Biological." He is sponsored by Calmer Corn Heads.

Rob Myers, U. of Missouri, will speak on Regenerative Agriculture. With about 60 speakers total, CTTC gives plenty of opportunities to gain valuable information.

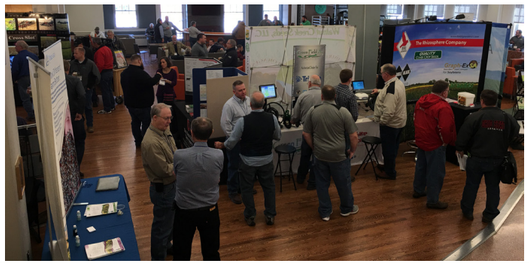
Take advantage of the opportunity to discuss one-on-one with speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and other participants. Bring a friend and/or family members.

If you are planning to stay overnight, take advantage of available but limited rooms at discounted rates at "The Inn "at the Ohio Northern University. To avail of this promo, visit inn@onu.com. (When reserving, mention CTTC)

Hope to see you all there!
Contact Albert Suniga for more information: 419-222-0846 x1005 or email albert@allenswcd.com.

Register at AllenSWCD/com/CTTC.

Visit the CTTC website here: https://fabe.osu.edu/CTCon



Cleaner Water and Better Irrigation Goal of Project at OSU

A project on The Ohio State University Lima Campus is gathering and treating rainwater and using it to irrigate farm fields during dry periods, resulting in less run-off and cleaner water.

The Allen Soil and Water Conservation District, the Ohio State University's Lima Campus, the Ohio Department of Agriculture and 7M Farms are partnering on the water runoff project at the Ohio State Lima Regenerative Farm on Reservoir Road between Mumaugh and Thayer Roads. The US Environmental Protection Agency is funding the project with a $650,000 grant through an assistance agreement with the Ohio EPA.

The Ohio Agricultural Retention Treatment Systems project is converting parts of three crop fields into a water retention pond that is being used to retain and pasively treat surface runoff and subsurface drainage and then recycle it back onto the fields to irrigate the crops.

The project will reduce nutrient loading into the Auglaize River and downstream to the Maumee River and the western Lake Erie basin and improve water quality by increasing onsite water retention, agricultural reuse and irrigation, and adding a saturated buffer.

Both the farm and receiving stream will have improved climate resiliency by increasing the ability to store water from more frequent concentrated rain events and to use it during subsequent periods of dry weather, providing both an environmental benefit of reduced discharge of water and nutrients and an agricultural benefit of water for crops during drought and dry period.

Approximately 3-4 acres are being converted to floodplain retention. An estimated 40 acres of row crop runoff are being captured, treated and/or reused in a combination of wetland, retention and buffer that will comprise approximately 5 acres.

This project will be used as a demonstration showcase of best practices for local farmers, drainage contractors and others.









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Also, the Allen Soil and Water Conservation District website is a wealth of information about the programs and services we offer. Check it out at AllenSWCD.com.