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Pond Management Clinic Scheduled

These warm spring days are an exciting prelude to long summer days around the pond. Pond management can be a daunting task...weed management issues abound, nuisance critters are a problem or maybe the fish just are not biting? Maybe you are considering building a pond...what is the first step, how big should I go, who do I call to get started? You can get these questions and more answered at the **Crawford SWCD Pond Clinic, June 11th from 5:15PM – 7:45PM**. This year's clinic will be held at the Carlisle pond located at 4814 Stetzer Rd. Bucyrus. Discussion will center around pond site construction and design, weed and fish management with Eugene Braig, Director of Aquatic Ecosystems at OSU and Nathan Cass, ODNR Wildlife Officer will discuss wildlife nuisance management. Bring any pond plants you would like to identify. A light meal will be provided by the North Robinson Blue Ribbons 4-H Club. This event is free and RSVP is required. For more information contact our office or visit our website. Hope to see you there!



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Calendar of Events

- April 3: Good Friday Holiday, office closed
- April 10: SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00am
- April 17: SWCD Fish Sale Orders Due
- April 23: SWCD Tree Sale Pick-up, 7:30am-6:00pm
- April 24: SWCD Tree Sale Pick-up, 7:30am-4:00pm
- April 28: SWCD Fish Sale Pick-up, 3:00pm-4:30pm
- May 8: SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00am
- May 9: Community Clean Up!, 10:00am-1:00am
- May 25: Memorial Day Holiday, office closed
- May 29: SWCD Summer Camp Registration Deadline
- June 11: SWCD Pond Clinic, 5:15pm-7:45pm
- June 12: SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00am
- June 19: Juneteenth Holiday, office closed
- June 23: Conservation Camp, 9:00am-3:00pm

Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service
3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus, OH 44820-9601
Phone: 419-562-8280
Website: www.crawfordswcd.org
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Board Meeting Dates: (Public Welcome)
2nd Friday of each month at 8:00 AM

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Fish & Tree Sale Reminders

Order forms available at:
www.crawfordswcd.org

Tree Pick Up Dates
April 23rd, 7:30am-6:00pm
& April 24th, 7:30am-4:00pm

Fish Order Deadline
April 17th

Fish Pick Up
April 28th, 3:00-4:30pm

Crawford County Community Cleanup

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED... Are you or your organization looking for a great community action service project? Join us on **Saturday, May 9th** from **10:00-11:00 AM** at the following locations to assist with a countywide community trash pick-up day. Volunteers will be joined by an SWCD staff member and will be provided gloves and trash bags to collect litter and other debris. Please sign up for your location of choice by calling the Crawford SWCD at 419-562-8280.

Bucyrus: Harmon Park or County Fairgrounds
Galion: Heise Park | **New Washington:** City Park

Summer Camp Opportunities

SWCD summer camps are making a comeback. Join us for **Conservation Camp** and **Farmer-For-A-Day Camp**! The daylong camps are full of fun and exciting sessions of learning, crafts, activities, laughing and making new friends. Camp is limited to children aged 6-11 years old. Registrations are required and registration forms are currently available online at www.crawfordswcd.org. Registration and camp fee are due before May 29, 2026. Camp spaces are limited and early sign up is encouraged.



Conservation

CAMP

June 23, 2026,
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Camp Michael
1741 Shupp Road,
Bucyrus, OH 44820



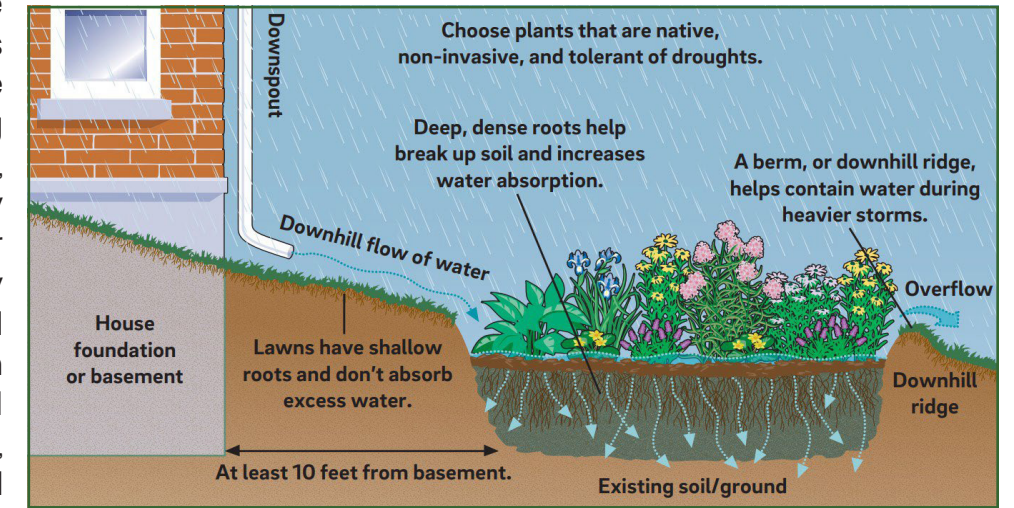
Farmer for a Day

When: July 8, 2026,
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: Acres of Adventure
1606 State Route 103,
Sycamore, OH 44882




Rain Gardens: Stormwater Function and Home Beauty

Rain gardens are a great addition to any landscape, adding function, aesthetic appeal and habitat to your landscape. Rain gardens combine the beauty of multiple bloom times and colors, attracting humans and pollinators alike, with the added function of improving water quality by reducing and filtering storm water runoff from your property. These shallow, landscape depressions puddle rainwater for short periods allowing it to slowly percolate into the ground. During this infiltration period, nutrients are absorbed by the plant roots and other contaminants are filtered by the soil. If you are interested in learning more about rain gardens and how they could improve your landscape, contact the Crawford SWCD or visit our website at www.crawfordswcd.org.



Springtime Pond "Weed" Control

Spring is almost here and soon warmer weather and sunny skies will be the norm. These warmer days and sunny skies are what trigger pond plant growth. This plant life is a cornerstone of the pond ecosystem; however, at times a particular plant can become a nuisance for pond owners and become "weeds". If you had a problem last year with a pond "weed", now is the time to begin planning your control for the upcoming summer months.



Effective management begins with properly identifying the plant you wish to control. Only after you have identified the culprit can you begin to properly treat it. For many pond owners, chemical treatments are the most effective and economical. It's important to understand that chemical treatments are specific to the plants they control and should be carefully selected for use. These chemicals are not selective and will control all plants within its type, not just your nuisance "weed". Always read and follow the label for chemical applications. In the springtime, water temperatures can fluctuate dramatically and consequently chemicals have water temperature requirements for effective control that must be followed. Along with this requirement is the rate of application. Application rates are listed in acre-feet of water, which can be tricky to determine. To calculate acre-feet, divide the pond square feet by 43,560 to get the surface acres. Multiply the surface acres by the average depth of the pond to get total acre-feet. Following these guidelines will provide the best opportunity for control and provide days of enjoyment around the pond this summer. For more information on managing your pond plants or help with identifying a particular plant, contact the Crawford SWCD.

Crawford SWCD Items Available for Sale



Flags

- 36-inch wire staff
- 4 x 5" flag: 25 count for \$4.00
 - 4 x 5" flag: 100 count for \$12.50
 - 5 x 8" flag: 100 count for \$13.50

24-inch plastic staff

- 4 x 5" flag: 50 count for \$5.00

Manure Sample Analysis - \$50.00

Soil Sample Analysis - \$25.00

Wildflower Seed Packets - \$4.00

Bluebird House - \$10.00

Stainless Steel Tile Probes (yellow handle)

- 4 ft. x 5/16" rod: \$40.25
- 4 1/2 ft. x 5/16" rod: \$42.00

Innovative Mfg. LLC Probes (black handle & zinc coated)

- 4 ft. x 3/8" rod: \$30.00
- 5 ft. x 3/8" rod: \$35.00

Animal Guards for Tile Outlets (forked zinc coated metal)

- 4 inch: \$7.25
- 6 inch: \$8.00
- 8 inch: \$10.25
- 10 inch: \$15.50
- 12 inch: \$18.75

Inquire within about seasonal items for rent. All items are taxable, prices subject to change without notice.