



Get involved with the River Round Up!



We Love Nature! We Hate Trash! How About YOU?

Join us on Saturday, September 9th!

River Round Up is an annual river clean-up that brings out hundreds of volunteers who pull tires, shopping carts, and mountains of trash from 30 miles of rivers and streams.

Choose from 13 locations around the county to get involved!

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Conservation Mini-Grant Program

The Soil and Water Conservation Mini-Grant program is an excellent opportunity to help fund a conservation-based service learning project for schools, non-profits or local government entities.

In celebration of Soil and Water's 75th Anniversary, the Board established a Community Mini-Grant program in 2019. Each year, the program offers up to \$1000 to Licking County non-profits that demonstrate the need and ability to carry out on-the-ground conservation projects.

Last year, four applications were received from Licking County non-profits, local entities, and schools for local conservation projects. Just over \$2800 was distributed to all four organizations!

The Mini-Grant program is open to non-profit organizations such as schools, watershed groups, local government entities, municipalities, community groups, and civic associations within Licking County. The deadline to apply for the 2023 Conservation Mini-Grant is September 29, 2023.

To learn more about Soil and Water's Mini-Grant program, please visit the [Conservation Mini-Grant](#) page of our website. To apply for a Conservation Mini-Grant, please visit the [Conservation Mini-Grant Online Application](#) page of our website. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Britney Stuller at BritneyStuller@LickingSWCD.com or 740-670-5330.

Fall Fish Sale

Want to stock your pond this fall? Need conditioner or fish food? Check out our sale!

1. Channel Catfish
2. Fathead Minnow
3. Bluegill
4. Hybrid Bluegill
5. Redear Shellcracker
6. Largemouth Bass
7. Channel Catfish
8. Yellow Perch
9. White Amur



Orders are due by Oct. 3, 2023. [Order online or download an order form here.](#)

Fish pick up: Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023, from 9:30 am –10:30 am at the Soil & Water office

Not sure which fish would work best in your pond? Contact Brent Dennis at 740-670-5330 or BrentDennis@LickingSWCD.com

Milkweed Pod Collection

Collection until November 12th!

Once again Licking Soil & Water is participating in milkweed seed pod collection and we need your help. The disappearance of milkweed across the U.S. has contributed to the 80% decline of the eastern monarch butterfly population over the last 20 years. We are working hard in Ohio to change this, and you can help! Let's make our collection efforts even better by following these simple tips!



It is best to collect the pods when they are dry, grey, or brown. IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK THIS! (Since pod collection starts September 1st and runs through November 12th... please use September as the time to locate milkweed plants and to keep an eye on the pods while they ripen and then pick them once they look like the picture shown.)

1. If the center seam pops with gentle pressure, it can be harvested.
2. Store the pods in paper bags; plastic bags collect unwanted moisture.
3. Please put the date and county collected on the bag when you turn them in.
4. Keep the pods in a cool, dry area until you can deliver them to the nearest collection site.

How YOU can Prevent Stormwater Pollutants:

What to do with Pool Water



Licking County SWCD encourages residents to drain pools in a safe, environmentally friendly way.

DO NOT DRAIN YOUR POOL DURING OR UP TO 48 HOURS AFTER A RAIN EVENT

Homeowners may soon begin to drain their pools as summer days come to a close. Proper draining of swimming pools is essential to the health of our local waterways and good relations with your neighbor.

“Water containing chlorine can kill fish and other aquatic life in creeks and streams,” states Linda Nicodemus, Stormwater Manager. The average pool has a chlorine concentration that is 10 times higher than some aquatic life can withstand. LCSWCD recommends that a pool sit for at least 10 days after

chemical treatment before draining any water.

Improper draining can also become a nuisance for residents and their neighbors by causing basement flooding, a backup, or flooding of yards. Homeowners may slowly drain chlorine-free water to a grassy area in their yard if it is large enough to absorb the water. Or, they can drain into a sanitary sewer cleanout, if one is available on their property.

Please follow these guidelines when draining a swimming pool:

1. Do not drain your pool during or up to 48 hours after a rain event.
2. Dechlorinate your swimming pool water before draining it. The pool should sit at least 10 days after chemical treatment before draining any water.
3. Test the pool water to ensure that it is essentially chlorine-free before draining (about 0.1 parts per million total chlorine). Bubbling, cascading, or other forms of aeration will help to remove chlorine from water.
4. The pool's pH should be in a normal range of 6 to 8 before draining.
5. Drain to a grassy area of the yard if it is large enough to absorb the water, or into a sanitary sewer cleanout if one is available on the property.
6. Discharge water slowly, at no more than 30 gallons per minute, to prevent soil erosion, flooding, or damage to adjacent properties, including backups into homes and businesses.

For more information or questions call Licking County Soil & Water at 740-670-5330.



Soil & Water

Banquet October 10th

Join us in celebrating our wonderful Community Conservation efforts!

The Streams and Wetland Foundation will be our featured presenter, discussing the Bloody Run Swamp wetland creation and the amazing things they found during construction.

5:30 pm ~ Community Celebration Reception

Enjoy complimentary appetizers and cash bar, and thank-you gifts for our partners, volunteers, and supporters who attend.

6:15 ~ Dinner and Awards Celebration

Awards presented for Cooperator, Volunteer, and Educator of the Year.
County and District FFA Soil Judging winning teams will be recognized.

Dinner tickets are \$10. Preregistration is required. The deadline to order tickets is October 6th.

Location: The Grove by the River, 840 Hollander Street, Newark, OH

[Register here!](#)

Important Dates

Now: River Round Up registration open

Aug 31: Grazing/Pasture Walk in Muskingum County

Sep 4: Labor Day Office Closed

Sep 9: Licking River Round Up*

Sep 19: Soil & Water Board Meeting

Sep 29: Conservation Mini-Grant Application Deadline

Oct 1-30: Soil & Water Board Election

Oct 1-6: Stormwater Awareness Week

Oct 9: Columbus Day Office Closed

Oct 10: Soil & Water Annual Banquet*

* RSVP Required

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