



Backyard Conservation Day



Join us for the 6th Annual Backyard Conservation Day!

When: May 9, 2026 8:30am-1pm

Where: 771 E Main St, Newark, OH 43055

Stop by to learn all about conservation related topics from local organizations. Partners include Licking Parks District, Licking Health Department, Licking Recycling, Licking Pollinator Pathways, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Ohio History

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Connection, City of Newark Stormwater, Muskingum Soil and Water, Licking County Library, The Garden For All, and Buckeye Valley Family YMCA.

We will have fun activities ranging from interactive scavenger hunts to informative tabling! The event is being held in conjunction with the Master Gardener Volunteer Native Plant Sale.

We hope to see you there!

[Upcoming Rain Barrel Workshops](#)

Have you been thinking about installing a rain barrel? Now is your chance!

Licking County Soil and Water is hosting three Rain Barrel Workshops. These workshops include a rain barrel, instruction on how to fully construct a plumbed barrel, and information on care and maintenance.

Workshops are \$50 per barrel.



[May 9th, 2026](#)

Licking Soil and Water

771 E Main St, Newark,
OH 43055

[June 18th, 2026](#)

Infirmary Mound Park

4351 Lancaster Rd,
Granville, OH 43023

[September 17th, 2026](#)

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[Stream Team Sampling Events](#)

Are you interested in the health of local rivers and streams? You can join the Licking County Soil and Water in a Stream Team assessment. These events are a night filled will fun in the water. We look at habitat, biology, and chemical parameters in waterways that indicate how healthy our water is!

We would love to see you at one of these events!

[Wildwood Park, Granville](#)

Where: 785 W Broadway, Granville, OH
43023

Date: 6/11/2026

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

[Velvet Ice Cream, Ye Olde Mill](#)

Where: 11324 Mount Vernon Rd, Utica,
OH 43080

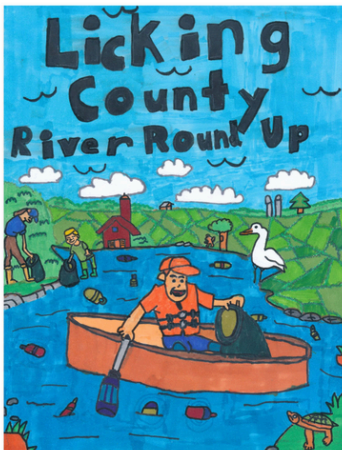
Date: 7/9/2026

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

[River Round Up Poster Contest Winners!](#)

A big CONGRATULATIONS goes out to the 2026 River Round Up Poster Contest winners! Each year, Licking County students have the opportunity to submit a poster representing water pollution awareness. A winning poster is selected from three age groups, elementary, middle/intermediate, and high school.

This years winners are:



SAM HAYLETT

LIMA RIDGE
ELEMENTARY



BECCA HAYLETT

SUMMIT STATION
INTERMEDIATE



SCARLETT WOLTZ

GRANVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL

The winning artwork will be used to advertise the 2026 event. Winning students will receive a \$100 award, and the school of each student will receive \$500 toward improving their art or science department.

We look forward to seeing volunteers at the [River Round Up](#) clean up on September 12th!

Apply for a Mini-Grant Toward Conservation

Soil and Water wants to give back to the community. We provide a conservation mini-grant program that gives up to \$1,000 to:

- Non-profit organizations
- Schools
- Local government entities

Projects can range from native tree and plant installation, to stormwater management projects! We love to see how the community implements conservation into their lives.



For more information contact BritneyMiller@LickingSWCD.com.

To apply, visit or [webpage](#).

Important Dates

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| May 6 | Fish Sale Order Pickup* |
| May 9 | Backyard Conservation Day |
| May 9 | Rain Barrel Workshop* |
| May 12 | SWCD Monthly Board Meeting |
| May 17 | National River Clean Up Day |
| May 25 | Memorial Day - Office Closed |
| May 26 | South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting |
| June 6 | @ Licking Park District Outdoor Adventures |
| June 9 | SWCD Monthly Board Meeting |

June 13 @ Pataskala Parks Outdoor Adventures

June 19 Juneteenth - Office Closed

*Events require an RSVP

Visit our calendar for all upcoming events!

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Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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