



[Volunteer for River Roundup](#)

Join the community on September 6th for the annual River Roundup!

[Registration](#) for the 2025 River Roundup is open until September 2nd. Get your hands dirty and make a difference in your community. Volunteer for the county-wide river clean up to pick up trash, tires, and anything else thrown in the Licking River.

There are multiple sites across the county so that you can volunteer closest to home! Locations range in difficulty from kid-friendly to ages 15+, allowing volunteers to select the area that best fits their needs. Due to limited availability, volunteers who register receive t-shirts and bags for their help and contribution. Be sure to sign up in advance and let us know shirt sizes and location!

Want a Fun Classroom or Scout Group Activity?

Licking Soil & Water's amazing education program allows students to learn from hands on activities! From in-classroom activities to meeting up at a local park, we have a variety of lessons for teachers to arrange a memorable day of learning.

Programs:

- Stream Study/Water Quality
- Enviroscape
- Erosion Simulator

Loaner Kits:

- Pollinator Puppets
- The Incredible Journey
- Butterfly Life Cycle



Reach out to our Conservation Educator, Deirdre Wise, through email at DeirdreWise@LickingSWCD.com or call 740-670-5333 with any questions or inquiries. You can also view our other programs and kits on our [website](#).

Celebrate 30 Years of River Roundup



To celebrate the 30th anniversary of River Roundup, Licking Soil and Water is having a celebration at Velvet Ice Cream. This event will take place on September 28th, at 11324 Mt. Vernon Rd, Utica, OH 43080.

We will have tables, ice cream, and lots of fun! Come celebrate keeping our community clean.

Save the Date For Our Annual Meeting

Join us in celebrating our wonderful community conservation efforts and our 81st anniversary at the Soil & Water Annual Meeting!

It will take place on October 14th, 2025. We will be celebrating at the Newark Earthworks, 455 Hebron Road, Heath, OH 43056. More details to come on our website in the coming weeks!



[Rain Barrel Workshop](#)

Licking Soil & Water is hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop with the Licking Park District. During the workshop, participants will make and take their rain barrel using provided supplies and instructions. Your homemade rain barrel will allow you to conserve rainwater and make a difference right in your own backyard!

Attendees will be provided with a food-grade rain barrel, spigot, and downspout connector, as well as valuable information from our team. There is a \$50 fee to cover the cost of the barrel and plumbing.

Register for the workshop [HERE](#).

When?

Thursday, October 9th, 6-8 pm

Where?

4531 Lancaster Rd., Granville, OH 43023

Leave the Leaves

Fall is coming! That means colorful foliage, pumpkin spice lattes, and falling leaves. You may be itching to rake your leaves and kick them to the curb for pick-up...

DON'T

These Leaves serve an ecological purpose to pollinators and wildlife. Bees, moths, butterflies, and so many other insects will use this layer of leaf matter to survive through the winter. Rather than discarding your leaves, spread them on flower beds or garden to shelter these beneficial insects and nourish the soil as they decompose.

If you have leaves leftover after spreading... compost!





Septic Smart Week- September 15-19

The week of September 15-19 is to celebrate and educate on the proper care and maintenance of septic systems. The [EPA](https://www.epa.gov/septic) aims to encourage communities to demonstrate public stewardship in wastewater treatment processes.

This program covers seven main tips for how to be "SepticSmart"

- **Think at the Sink-** Be conscientious of what you are putting in your sink
- **Don't Strain Your Drain-** Use water efficiently
- **Keep It Clean-** Test well water
- **Shield Your Field-** Learn about your septic drainfield
- **Protect It and Inspect It-** Learn about inspection, frequency, and consider advanced systems
- **Don't Overload the Commode-** What to flush and what goes in the trash
- **Pump Your Tank-** Learn about pump-out services

If you have a septic system, it's essential to look into this information to save your tank!

Important Dates

Sep 2	River Roundup Registration closes*
Sep 6	River Roundup*
Sep 9	Soil & Water Monthly Board Meeting
Sep 16-18	Farm Science Review*
Sep 23	South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Monthly Meeting
Sep 28	River Roundup Celebration*
Oct 1-7	Stormwater Awareness Week
Oct 3	@ Newark Canal Market District

- Oct 4 @ Granville Farmers Market
- Oct 4 @ Harvest Moon Festival
- Oct 9 Granville Rain Barrel Workshop*
- Oct 14 Soil & Water Annual Banquet*

*Events require an RSVP

[Visit our calendar for all upcoming events!](#)

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