



River Round Up 2024 - Volunteer on Sept. 7!





Registration for the 2024 River Round Up is open till September 2nd at midnight! Improve your community while getting wet and a little dirty. Volunteer for the county-wide river clean up and pick up trash, tires, and anything else thrown in the Licking River. (A piano, shopping carts, cars, and road signs, have all been found in previous years.) There are multiple sites across the county so you can volunteer closest to home! Volunteers receive t-shirts and bags for their help and contribution.

I love nature!



Celebrating Conservation -October 8th!

Join us in celebrating our wonderful Community Conservation efforts and our 80th anniversary at the Soil & Water Annual Meeting!

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 pm ~ 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 4th. Location: The Grove by the River, 840 Hollander Street, Newark, OH

Fall Fish Sale

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

-Fathead Minnow

-Hybrid Bluegill

-Redear Shellcracker

-Largemouth Bass

-Channel Catfish

-Bluegill

-Japanese Koi

-White Amur

-Yellow Perch





Orders are due by October 1, 2024. Order online!

Fish pick up: Tuesday, October 8, 2024, from 9:30 am - 10:30 am at the Licking Soil & Water office, 771 E Main Street Newark, Ohio 43050.

Not sure which fish to get? Contact Tayler Coy at 740-670-5330 or TaylerCoy@LickingSWCD.com.

Conservation Mini-Grant



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, demonstrating the need and ability to carry out on-the-ground conservation projects.

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 2025 Conservation Mini-Grant is September 27, 2024. To learn more about Soil and Water's Mini-Grant program, visit [Conservation Mini-Grant page](#).

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Britney Stuller at BritneyStuller@LickingSWCD.com or 740-670-5330.

SepticSmart Week Sept. 16-20



SepticSmart Week is an annual event that occurs the third week of September. September 16- 20, 2024. The goal is to bring attention to the importance of caring for and maintaining septic systems.

This year SepticSmart Week is celebrating its 12th Anniversary!

Here are some smart tips for you to follow!

Think at the Sink! What goes down the drain has a big impact on your septic system. Fats, grease, and solids can clog a system's pipes and drainfield.

Don't Overload the Commode! A toilet is not a trash can. Disposable diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, coffee grounds, cigarette butts, and cat litter can damage a septic system.

Don't Strain Your Drain! Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances. Too much water use at once can overload a system that hasn't been pumped recently.

Shield Your Field! Tree and shrub roots, cars, and livestock can damage your septic drainfield.

Keep It Clean! Contamination can occur when a septic system leaks due to improper maintenance. Be sure your drinking water is safe to drink by testing it regularly.

Protect It and Inspect It! Regular septic system maintenance can save homeowners thousands of dollars in repairs and protect public health.

To learn more visit the [EPA's website](#) or contact the Licking County Health Department.

Hanover Township Water Project – Arsenic concerns

Ohio State and the Ohio Water Resource Center is conducting a study in the Hanover Township area to look at arsenic contamination in well water sources and potential treatment of those sources. This is a grant funded project and there is no expense to participate and no items being sold to you. For more details on how you can participate and receive water testing if you qualify, click [here](#).

Important Dates

September 5 - Invasive Plant Management Workshop with USFWS

September 7 - River Round Up*

September 10 - Soil & Water Board Meeting

September 14 - Pollinator Pathway Native Plant Sale

September 16-20 - Septic Smart Week 2024

September 24 - South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting

October 1-7 - Stormwater Awareness Week

October 8 - Soil & Water Annual Banquet*

*Registration Required

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

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