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# Welcome to *Focus*, our E-Newsletter

### Annual Fish Sale Begins!

The Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District (DSWCD) is accepting orders for our annual fish sale until Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Species include largemouth bass, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, channel catfish, shellcracker sunfish, yellow perch, fathead minnows, and triploid white amur. Download the [2020 Fish Sale flyer](#). For those who purchase fish, pick-up is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 1 p.m. at our office. When picking up fish, buyers will remain in their vehicles. DSWCD staff will remove water containers from buyers' cars and will place the containers and purchased fish back into the vehicles. [Read More Here >](#)

### COVID-19 and Delaware County Fair Plans

One of the highlights of a visit to the Delaware County Fair is the conservation area, managed by the Delaware SWCD. Due to Ohio Department of Health Orders, we will regrettably be unable to offer the family-friendly, fun activities and informative displays that we would normally offer. Junior Fair participants and their families can still visit the conservation area and enjoy the blooming flowers and a pollinator display installed on the outside of the cabin. We look forward to seeing all fairgoers in 2021!

### Virtual Composting Workshop Announced

Join the DSWCD, Delaware General Health District, DKMM Solid Waste District, and the Village of Shawnee Hills on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (6:00-7:30 p.m.) for a free, virtual composting workshop! Learn how to compost through traditional and vermicomposting methods, and where/how to drop off your food scraps at a local composting facility. Delaware County residents will receive a free counter top food scrap collection bin (shown here) and will be eligible to win a tumbling composter! **Register for the Zoom workshop [here](#).**



## In The Press

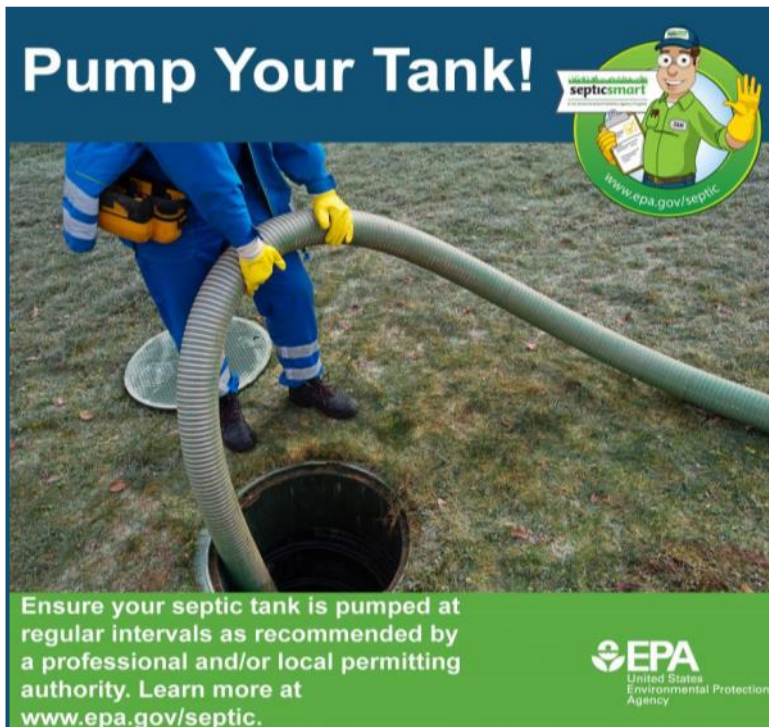
A variety of natural resources topics (written by our staff) are available, courtesy of the Delaware Gazette:

- [Victory Gardens - Then and Now](#)
- [Social Distancing From Wildlife](#)

## Pump It Out!

Most of us know that to live a healthy life, it is important to see our doctor for regular checkups. The same can be said for your home sewage treatment system (HSTS) – regular maintenance can help your HSTS have a long, healthy life.

Your HSTS is like a mini-wastewater treatment plant right in your yard. Routine pumping and inspection of your septic tank can help your tank last 20 to 30 years. For more information concerning your HSTS or to watch the funny video, “*Squishy Feet*,” click [here](#).



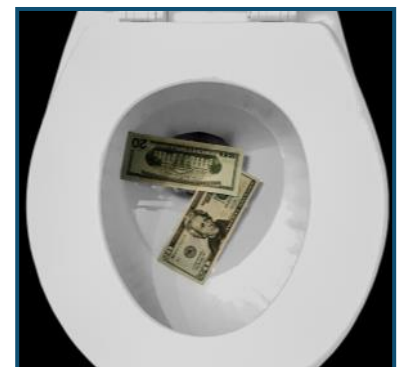
**"The grass is always greener over the septic tank " ~ Erma Bombeck**



~ [Be the Change for Clean Water](#) ~

Your toilet is not a trash can, and neither are your sinks. Avoid costly repairs and protect water quality. Do not dump or flush these items:

- Fats/oils/grease
- Tissues
- Cigarette butts
- Feminine products
- Condoms
- Wipes
- Diapers
- Paints
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Medications
- Bacterial additives



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