

# Focus Newsletter

## Another Successful Tree Sale Event

Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District closed out the annual Tree and Shrub Sale event at the end of April. This year over 6,870 trees were sold, and 1,440 were donated to local not-for-profit organizations across Delaware County.

This year the most popular tree sold was the Norway Spruce. Distinctive, pendulous branches with dark green needles, the Norway Spruce can be 80 feet tall and 40 feet wide as a mature tree. They are good for urban sites and windbreaks.



**Eastern White Pine** - Soft bundles of five needles. Prefers moist, rich, well-drained, acidic soils. Grows to 80 feet in height and 40 feet in width. A hardy, valuable tree.

## APRIL - OHIO NATIVE PLANT MONTH

**2022 NOTABLE NATIVE PLANTS**

**BURR OAK**

Large deciduous tree with large mossy acorn caps that cover most or all of the acorn



**EASTERN REDBUD**

Smaller ornamental tree with small pink flowers in the spring



**NORTHERN SPICEBUSH**

Shrub that blooms with yellow flowers in the early spring and red berry-like fruit in the fall



**PURPLE CONEFLOWER**

Perennial flower that spread easily and attracts many pollinators



Check out [OhioNativePlantMonth.org](https://soilandwater.co.delaware.oh.us/) for more information or visit our website at <https://soilandwater.co.delaware.oh.us/>



**FUN FACT:** One of the primary threats to native plants is the spread of invasive species

**REFERENCES**

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## Spring into a Healthy Lawn with Compost

Compost is an organic material that can be made right at home using food scraps, yard waste and water. Add it to the soil to help plants grow!

All compost requires three basic ingredients: browns, greens, and water. Browns are materials such as dead leaves, branches, and twigs. Greens are grass clippings, vegetable waste, fruit scraps, and coffee grounds. The ideal compost is comprised of an equal amount of browns and greens. The brown materials provide carbon for your compost, the greens provide nitrogen, and the water provides moisture to help break down the organic matter.

What to compost and what not to compost (and why) can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>. This simple to follow site also features connections to more in depth resources including how to reduce food waste and a series of fact sheets, slide shows, videos, and more from the Cornell Waste Management Institute.



Delaware SWCD has countertop food waste containers for sale for \$10.00 to help make transporting your "Greens" (food scraps) to and from the compost pile an easy and fast task.

Starting your own compost pile or bin is a great way for you to enrich your soil without chemical fertilizers and recycle those fruit and vegetable scraps.

### Employee News

Sarah Kidd recently joined the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District team as the new Communications & Outreach Coordinator. She will focus on social media, website updates, outreach events, and other educational opportunities for the public.



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## In the Press

- [Celebrating Ohio Native Plant Month](#)
- [Fight against invasive species continues](#)
- [Camp Canopy sponsorship available](#)
- [O'Keefe Scholarship available through SWCD](#)
- [Controversy stirs over No Mow May](#)

## Upcoming Events

**April 29** - Arbor Day

**May 1** - [Olentangy River Clean Up](#), 10am-12pm

Join Public Lands, FLOW and Nocterra Brewing Co. at Olentangy Environmental Control Center 10333 Olentangy River Road

**May 6** - [City of Powell Touch-a-Truck](#), 11am-1pm

Delaware SWCD will be there!

**May 10** - [Deadline to submit applications](#) for Camp Canopy Sponsorship & Dick O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship to Delaware SWCD

**June 24-25** - [Powell Festival](#), 5-11pm Friday & 12pm-11pm Saturday

Delaware SWCD will be there!

**June 25** - Olentangy River Festival

An educational family festival that will allow you to experience our Olentangy State Scenic River, and learn how to keep it beautiful.

**July 24-30** - [NCF-Envirothon](#), Miami University

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