

Focus Newsletter

Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Tree Sale is now open for orders! Tree quantities are limited, so orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Order early to ensure you get your desired species. Since we do not offer online sales, our office will contact you if your selection is not available at the time we receive your order.

Tree Pick-Up

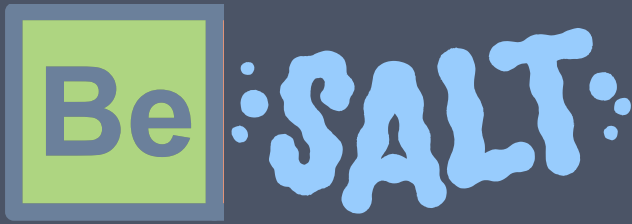
Orders can be picked up at our office April 16-18, 2024 from 8:00am-4:30 pm. Arrangements can be made for after hours pick-up if needed. Our tree selection is ordered from a Native Tree Nursery in Pennsylvania and shipped. Bare root seedlings are relatively small and orders are filled in Delaware SWCD tote bags; a large vehicle is not necessary for pick-up unless your order is above average size.

What are Bare Root Trees?

Bare root trees and shrubs mean that the plant has not been potted. Instead, they are dormant trees with no soil around its roots. Each species bare root are dipped in a preservative gel and placed in a plastic bag. Seedlings should be planted immediately into your yard or into a permanent container while still dormant for best chance of survival.

Ready to Order? [Order Form](#)

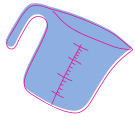




SHOVEL



Shovel and clear all snow before spreading salt. More salt does not mean more melting. Shovel more, salt less.



MEASURE

One 12 oz. mug full of salt is enough to cover a 20' driveway. Consider using a salt spreader to use just the right amount. One teaspoon of salt permanently pollutes 5 gallons of water.

AFTER



Salt doesn't just disappear after a snowstorm. If you see excess salt after, sweep it up! Melting snow picks up pollutants and carries them into our stormdrains.



REALISTIC

Road salt keeps our roads and sidewalks safe. If used properly, salt is safe to use. Just don't over salt.

TIME



The best time to lay salt is before snowfall even begins. Never apply salt when rain is in the forecast.

Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District

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Delaware, Ohio 43015
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Employee Highlight

Matt Lanum started his career at Delaware SWCD as an intern during sophomore year of college. Throughout his time at the district he has done many things including surveying, design and maintenance work. Currently, he manages the field part of the maintenance department and does groundwork for petition projects. He and his wife, Leslie, have two boys whom he enjoys spending time with outdoors. In his spare time, Matt is a farmer and enjoys working on his John Deere Tractor.

Mind your Manure

Winter manure application in Ohio is an important issue. While it is important for farmers to apply manure to their fields for soil fertility, it is equally important for them to do so in a responsible way that does not harm the environment.



In Ohio, guidelines for winter manure application vary depending on the region and specific conditions. Farmers need to be aware of these guidelines and take appropriate action to ensure that they are following them. This may involve reducing the amount of manure applied, applying it in a different manner, or even waiting until the weather conditions are more favorable.

We encourage all farmers in Ohio to take the time to review the guidelines for winter manure application and make sure that they are following them. By doing so, they can promote conservation and sustainability while also protecting the environment and their own livelihoods. Together, we can work towards a more sustainable future for all. [Read more here...](#)



The Delaware County Board of Commissioners serves as the Certified Local Sponsor for the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program in Delaware County. On behalf of the Commissioners, the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District coordinates the application process and annual monitoring of easements.

Complete applications must be received in the Delaware SWCD office by the end of the business day, Friday February 9, 2024 at 4:30pm. Materials can be submitted in person at 1610 State Route 521, Delaware, OH 43015, or via postal mail to: PO Box 8005, Delaware, OH 43015, Attention Rebecca Longsmith.

[Find Application Here](#)

Brian Skinner **Mike Hope** **Sue Cunningham** **Dan Lane** **Randy Leienberger**

Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District **Board of Supervisors**



Upcoming Events

January 16 - Monthly Board of Supervisor's Meeting, 6:30p.m.

February 9 - Pre-Applications due for Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program

February 20 - Monthly Board of Supervisor's Meeting, 6:30p.m.

March 19- Monthly Board of Supervisor's Meeting, 6:30p.m.

April 16-18- Bare Root Tree Sale Pick Up

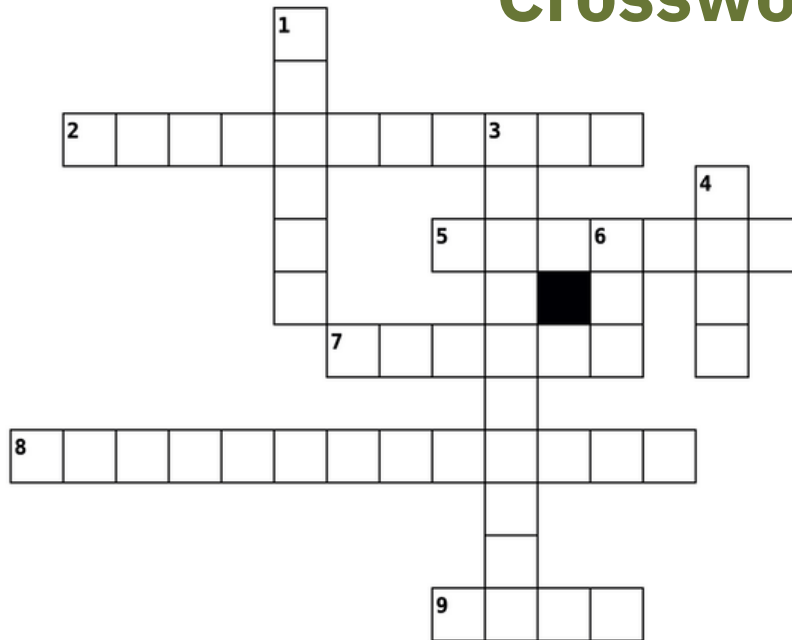
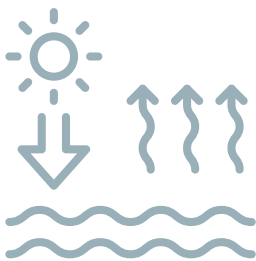
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**Delaware
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Put your knowledge
to the test!

The Water Cycle Crossword



Across

- 2. This is the process when water turns into vapor
- 5. This form of soil pollution is caused by runoff
- 7. The chemical make up of water is Hydrogen and _____
- 8. Rain, Snow, Sleet and Hail are all forms of this
- 9. White, crystal-like frozen precipitation

Down

- 1. An example of condensation
- 3. The largest use for groundwater
- 4. Infiltration is when water soaks into the _____
- 6. This powers the water cycle using heat