



# Resources Around Us

## Your Land, Your Water, Your Michigan!

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### Monthly Board Meetings:

3rd Monday at 7:00 pm  
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### New Contaminant Identified

Several locations across Michigan have recently been identified as having levels of an emerging contaminant known as PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) which may pose environmental and human health risks. PFAS are a suite of chemicals historically used in thousands of applications throughout the industrial, food, and textile industries. They are used in firefighting foams, food packaging, cleaning products, and various other products. They are also used by many industries such as plating, tanneries, or clothing manufacturers, where waterproofing may be required or a protective film is needed in a manufacturing process. PFAS are incredibly stable, breaking down very slowly in the environment, and are highly soluble, easily transferring through soil to groundwater.

Governor Snyder has taken action by creating the PFAS Action Response Team (MPART), and MDARD is one of the four primary state agencies within that team to ensure statewide coordination. Here is a link to a website with background information on the situation: [www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse](http://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse)

For questions regarding this issue, the State of Michigan Environmental Assistance Center can be contacted at 800-662-9278 or by email at [deg-assist@michigan.gov](mailto:deg-assist@michigan.gov). Representatives may be reached to assist with questions Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. If they are concerned about exposure to PFAS in drinking water, please contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Toxicology Hotline at 800-648-6942.

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### Center for Excellence Crop Day

Friday, January 5th, 2018 is coming up fast and the deadline to RSVP for the event is December 29th. 4.5 CCA credits and 5 RUP credits will be available at the close of the event. RSVPs are requested for an accurate lunch count. See the announcement below for RSVP contact information. A great line-up of speakers is in place. Hope to see you there!

Andre Land Farming   Blissfield State Bank   Channel  
 Dairy Farmers of America   Fulton SWCD   Gleaner Life Insurance Society   Milk Source, LLC  
 Haviland Drainage Products   Prattville Fertilizer & Grain, Inc.   The Andersons, Inc.   Triple K Irrigation, Inc.

  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  




Center for Excellence Crops Day

Friday, January 5th, 2018

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

RSVP by December 29th: (517) 263-7400 Ext. 3

or via our website: [www.lenaweecd.org](http://www.lenaweecd.org),

go to "Events" page and fill out contact information

  
  
  
  
  
  


  


  


  


  


  


## Lenawee Conservation District Distributes Free Soil Test Kits

The Lenawee Conservation District will provide up to five FREE soil test kits to farmers of any size farm who are willing to sit down and learn more about the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).

MAEAP is a free confidential program that allows growers the opportunity to learn about Right to Farm and other agricultural laws. The program consists of a series of questions that the producer answers in the privacy of their farm with the technician present to provide clarification, offer alternatives, tools and potential cost share options for alleviating any potential concerns. If a farmer meets all agricultural laws or works toward meeting them the state grants the farm additional protection against future regulation.

These kits will be available at the District office. If you are interested in participating please contact Lenawee Conservation District at 517-263-7400, Ext. 3.

## District Receives Grants

The Lenawee Conservation District was recently awarded grants from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Great Lakes Commission to work with farmers within Lenawee County on potential improvements toward water quality and the impact to Lake Erie. These projects are in an effort to meet the State of Michigan's phosphorus reduction goals of 20% by 2020 and 40% by 2025 within the River Raisin.

Farmers have the ability to receive some assistance to incorporate the following Best Management Practices (BMPs) in targeted watersheds: Drainage Water Management Structures, Buffer Strips, Saturated Buffers, Blind Inlets, and GPS Nitrogen sensors.

In addition, farmers in the process of working towards MAEAP verification have the potential to receive a cost share grant for up to \$500 to assist with the verification. This is on a "first come, first served" basis until the funds are exhausted.

If interested in applying for any of the above, please contact the Lenawee Conservation District office at 517-263-7400 Ext. 3.

## IT'S TREE SALE TIME! 2018 TREE SALE SELECTIONS AVAILABLE

CONIFERS	Age	Size	Per 5	Per 10	Per 25	Per 50	Per 100
Arborvitae (White Cedar)	2 yr	9-12"	\$11	\$13	\$19	\$30	\$48
Pine, Eastern White	2 yr	10-16"	\$11	\$13	\$19	\$30	\$48
Pine, Red	2 yr	7-10"	\$11	\$13	\$19	\$30	\$48
Spruce, Colorado Blue	2 yr	9-15"	\$11	\$13	\$19	\$30	\$48
Spruce, Norway	2 yr	10-18"	\$11	\$13	\$19	\$30	\$48
Spruce, White	2 yr	10-18"	\$11	\$13	\$19	\$30	\$48

HARDWOODS	Size	Per 5	Per 10	Per 25	Per 50
Chestnut, American (Limited)	6-10"	\$17	\$20	\$31	---
Crabapple, Roselow Sargent	12-18"	\$17	\$20	\$31	\$45
Hazelnut	12-18"	\$17	\$20	\$31	\$45
Maple, Red	12-18"	\$17	\$20	\$31	\$45
Maple, Sugar	12-18"	\$17	\$20	\$31	\$45
Oak, Northern Red	12-18"	\$17	\$20	\$31	\$45
Oak, White	12-18"	\$17	\$20	\$31	\$45
Pecan, Northern	12-18"	\$17	\$20	\$31	\$45
Poplar, Tulip	12-18"	\$17	\$20	\$31	\$45
Walnut, Black	18-24"	\$17	\$20	\$31	\$45

SMALL TREES, SHRUBS, ETC.	Size	Per 5	Per 10	Per 25	Per 50
Black Elderberry	12-18"	\$18	\$20	\$31	----
Butterfly Bush	12-18"	\$18	\$20	\$31	\$45
Currant, Red	6-12"	\$18	\$20	\$31	\$45
Cranberry, Highbush	12-18"	\$18	\$20	\$31	\$45
Dogwood, White Flowering	12-18"	\$18	\$20	\$31	\$45
Holly, Winterberry	12-18"	\$18	\$20	\$31	\$45
Plum, American	12-18"	\$18	\$20	\$31	\$45
Redbud	12-18"	\$18	\$20	\$31	----
Serviceberry (Alleghany)	12-18"	\$18	\$20	\$31	\$45

SPECIALTY PLANTS	Size	Per 5	Per 10	Per 25	Per 50
Asparagus (Jersey Knight)	1 yr. roots	\$18	\$20	\$31	\$45
Raspberry, Red (Autumn Bliss)	Rooted Cutting	\$18	\$25	----	----
Raspberry, Black (Jewel)	Rooted Cutting	\$18	\$25	----	----

TRANSPLANTS & SPECIAL TREES	Age	Size	Each
Arborvitae (White Cedar) – Transplant	4 yr.	24-36"	\$5.00
Pine, White – Transplant	4 yr.	24-36"	\$5.00
Spruce, Blue – Transplant	4 yr.	24-36"	\$5.00
Spruce, Norway – Transplant	4 yr.	24-36"	\$5.00

More items on next page.

Order deadline **MONDAY, MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018!**







**DISTRICT  
MISSION  
STATEMENT**

*"To guide the locally  
led process with urban  
and rural harmony for  
the protection of soil  
and water resources  
through education and  
technical assistance,  
creating a quality  
environment."*

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is a free email publication.

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sues contact:

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You can access us on the Web  
by either address below:  
[www.lenaweeconservationdistrict.org](http://www.lenaweeconservationdistrict.org)  
or  
[www.lenaweecd.org](http://www.lenaweecd.org)

## Schedule of Upcoming Events



### December

Dec 25 Christmas Day—USDA Service Center closed

### January 2018

#### Annual District Tree Sale under way

Jan 1 New Year's Day 2018—USDA Service Center closed  
Jan 5 Center for Excellence Crop Day @ The Centre in Adrian 8am  
Jan 18 Lenawee Conservation District Annual Mtg. @ LISD VO-TECH Ctr. 6pm  
(No Board Mtg. in January )  
Jan 22 PSA Grower Training Course @ MSU-Extension, 1040 S. Winter St., Adrian  
9am—4pm For info or to register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2018WinterPSA/>  
Jan 23 MSU-Extension Pest & Crop Mgmt. Mtg., @ Cabela's, 110 Cabelas Blvd. East,  
Dundee, MI 48131 To register or for info contact: Van Buren Extension @  
(269-657-8213)

### February

Feb 12 **NOTE CHANGED DATE**—District Board Meeting 5p.m. (Note earlier time)  
Feb 14 Pesticide Exam Review Class @ MSU-Extension, River Raisin Rm.,  
1040 S. Winter St., Adrian 9am  
Feb 19 President's Day—USDA Service Center closed  
Feb 21 Pesticide Exam @ MSU-Extension, 1040 S. Winter St., Adrian @ 1pm

### March

Mar 11 Daylight Savings begins—Move clocks forward one hour  
Mar 12 District Tree Sale order deadline  
Mar 19 District Board Meeting 5p.m. (Note earlier time)  
Mar 20 First Day of Spring

### April

Apr 13 Tree Sale order pick-up day @ Lenawee Fairgrounds 9am—6pm  
Apr 14 Tree Sale order pick-up day @ Lenawee Fairgrounds 9am—12 noon  
Apr 16 District Board Meeting 7p.m.  
Apr 27 Arbor Day—Plant a tree and start a family tradition

**5 ft. & 8 ft. Native Grass Drills available for  
rental. Call the District office for details.**

