



# Conservation Almanac

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Emerald Ash Borer



Well Constructed Log Landing

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## Ashtabula County Forestry Committee Update

The Forestry Committee meet this past fall to discuss the upcoming forest educational events that we felt were needed and we could organize. Dates have not been set, but the following programs are currently being planned: Invasive Woodland Pests/Disease and a Landowner Best Management Practices Class. The Invasive Woodland Pest/Disease Workshop will be a late winter program, occurring in an evening here at the SWCD/OSU Extension Basement Meeting Room. Ohio's woodlands have been and continue to be effected by invasive pests/disease. These pests/disease include but are not limited to: gypsy moth (long time invasive in Ashtabula County), Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Asian Long Horned Beetle and Thousand Cankers to name a few. Workshop will focus on identification and how to and or what to look for in your woodlots. The Best Management Practice Workshop will include classroom instruction and a field trip. The committee is hopeful this workshop will occur either early spring and or very early summer. Because a field session is involved in this workshop, an active logging job with the all the typical areas of concern: Landing, main skid trail, stream crossings, riparian areas must be located and accessible. This will take time to find and gain access to. This workshop will "arm" landowners with the same information (less technical) that is taught to loggers when they are going through their 8 hour BMP training. This workshop will be held on a weekend and involve approximately 2 hours of class time and 2 hours of field time.

## Special Points of Interest

- January 1 *New Year's Holiday*
- January 20 *Board Meeting*  
6:30 pm @ office
- February 17 *Board Meeting*  
6:30 pm @ office
- March 17 *Board Meeting*  
6:30 pm @ office
- March 30 *Deadline Tree Seedling Orders*
- April 17-18 *Tree Seedling Pick-Up*
- April 21 *Board Meeting*  
6:30 pm @ office

# ASHTABULA SWCD

39 Wall Street Jefferson, Ohio 44047

## 2015 TREE SEEDLING SALE

Orders for the year 2015 Tree Seedling Sale will be accepted through **Monday March 30, 2015** or until supplies are exhausted. Orders are taken on a first come, first served basis. *We are not responsible for packets not picked up on time. There are no refunds on orders of seedlings not picked up. Those orders not picked up by the following Monday will become a donation. Any unspoken for seedlings will be available for purchase on Monday.*

All orders must be picked up at the District Office between **8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Friday April 17th or between 8:00 am -10:00 am Saturday April 18th.** Full payment must accompany all orders. Please make payments to "Ashtabula SWCD". *All nursery stock sold through the Ashtabula SWCD is sold "as is" without warranty, expressed or implied as to quality, variety, description, or results from customer planting. Bare root nursery stock is perishable. All orders should be immediately and carefully taken to planting site to ensure the highest percent of survival as possible. Extra measures should be taken to avoid exposure to sun and wind while planting. All sales are final with no guarantee of survival.*

**Packet 1- White Pine: (25 per pkt.)** 3-yr seedlings (8"-12") Excellent for windbreak and hedges.

**Packet 2- Colorado blue spruce: (25 per pkt.)** 3-yr seedlings (8"-12") Used for landscape, windbreaks, reforestation and Christmas trees.

**Packet 3- Norway spruce: (25 per pkt.)** 3-yr seedlings (10"-14") Used for Christmas trees, ornamentals, timber and windbreaks.

**Packet 4- Scotch pine: (25 per pkt.)** 3-yr seedlings (12"-16") Hardy, short needle, blue-green.

**Packet 5- White Spruce: (25 per pkt.)** 3-yr seedlings (10"-14") Thrives in well drained or moist soil. It can endure heat and drought better than others. Extremely hardy and grows to 50 ft. Stiff needles are light bluish-green usually less than 1" in length.

**Packet 6- Pin Oak: (5 per pkt)** 1-yr (5"-8") Native tree with fast growth 75' in good soil. Acorns are good wildlife food. Excellent specimen as a lawn tree. Will tolerate wet soil but prefers moist rich, acidic well drained soil.

**Packet 7- Sawtooth Oak: (5 per pkt.)** 2-yr seedling (14"-20") Grows 40-60 feet and as wide. Gobbler acorns are smaller than regular Sawtooth strains, but produce twice as many nuts. Acorns are excellent food for wildlife. Disease and insect resistant.

**Packet 8- Sugar Maple: (5 per pkt.)** 2-yr seedling (18"-24") Brilliant yellow, burnt orange and limited red tones in autumn, does not do well in wet areas.

**Packet 9- Red Oak: (5 per pkt.)** 2-yr seedling (16"-22") Growth 60 -70 feet. Fastest growing of all Oaks.

### CUT AND RETURN BOTTOM HALF OF ORDER FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*optional - provide e-mail address if you would like to receive future order forms via e-mail

\_\_\_\_ OF PACKET 1 @ \$14.00 EA FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ OF PACKET 6 @ \$9.00 EA FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ OF PACKET 2 @ \$12.00 EA FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ OF PACKET 7 @ \$ 9.00 EA FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ OF PACKET 3 @ \$13.00 EA FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ OF PACKET 8 @ \$ 9.00 EA FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ OF PACKET 4 @ \$13.00 EA FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ OF PACKET 9 @ \$ 8.00 EA FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ OF PACKET 5 @ \$16.00 EA FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK# \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**2015 FISH ORDER FORM**  
**Ashtabula S.W.C.D.**  
**39 Wall Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047**  
**(440) 576-4946**

The District will be selling fish for stocking ponds beginning December as a service to its landowners. These fish come healthy and ready to be gently placed in your pond; *we can not guarantee that they will all survive.*

The fish truck will come to the Ashtabula County Fair Grounds (west parking lot by horse barns) on **Thursday, April 16, 2015 between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**, as there will be no notification sent to remind you of the pick-up day and time. On pick-up day, please bring a clean container of your own pond water. You must bring one 5-gallon bucket per 50 fish ordered. For white Amur, bring one 5-gallon for every two Amurs ordered. For all fish, line each container with an UNSCENTED, HEAVY DUTY garbage bag, and fill containers 3/4 full with water and tie bag shut but be able to untie when arrive. Let us know if you will be driving more than 30 minutes on your way home.

**All orders should be made by Monday, April 13th**; payment must accompany your order. All fish must be picked up at this time; we cannot hold or deliver your fish for you. **NO REFUNDS ON FISH NOT PICKED UP.** Make checks payable to **ASHTABULA SWCD.**

**CLIP HERE AND KEEP TOP HALF**

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 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip-code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2"-3" Largemouth Bass @ \$0.85 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2"-4" Bluegill @ \$0.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4"-5" Channel Catfish @ \$0.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 1"-2" Fathead Minnows @ \$7.00/100 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2"-3" Perch @ \$0.80 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 10"-12" Triploid White Amur @ \$14.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will be driving more than 30 minutes on my return trip \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

County where Amur will be stocked \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Received By \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional E-mail Address to Receive Future Notifications by e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Board of Supervisors**

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Wendell Obernyer - Chairman/Fiscal Agent  
Ron Smoker -Vice Chairman  
Robin Boggs - Secretary  
Dr. Paul Mechling - Treasurer  
Dan Decker - Member

Hours of Operation: Monday thru Thursday 8:00am—4:30 pm

**Associate Supervisors**

**District Staff**

Nathan Paskey-District Manager/Technician  
Jim Welker-District Technician/Education Coordinator

*The Board of Supervisors for the Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District for 2015 will hold their monthly board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the District's office in Jefferson. All meetings are open to the public.*

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## **Conservation Compliance and Crop Insurance**

The passage of the new Farm Bill on February 7th 2014 brought changes to crop insurance premium assistance with the USDA. Prior to the passage of the 2014 Farm Bill producers that only participated in crop insurance premium assistance were not required to comply with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) compliance. While most producers that have participate in USDA programs have been required to follow these rules since 1985, there are some that crop insurance premium assistance is the only benefit they receive from the USDA. If you fall into this category you'll want to visit your local USDA Farm Service Agency and certify compliance prior to June 1st 2015 (please call ahead for an appointment 440-437-6330) to continue receiving this subsidy. First time filers that farm fields determined to be highly erodible will be required to develop and follow a conservation plan with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to ensure erosion is kept within tolerable limits. To comply with the wetland compliance portion of the rules producers will not be permitted to alter wetland areas in order to make production of an agricultural commodity possible. Producers that have not been subject to these rules in the past will be given up to 5 years to fully implement a HEL plan, and 2 years to mitigate any wetland violations. Producers that choose not to comply with the rules will still be able to get crop insurance, but would not be eligible for the premium assistance subsidy.

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