



OCTOBER 2021 CONSERVATION UPDATE

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Soil Drive Week 2021: Free Soil Testing

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. November 15th-19th

WCCD Office, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Suite 201, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

The Washtenaw County Conservation District is excited to launch our first ever Soil Drive! WCCD will be covering the cost of shipping and analysis for soil samples submitted from properties in Washtenaw County. The goal of this

initiative is to make soil testing FREE and easy, so all Washtenaw County residents - farmers, city dwellers, anyone! - can obtain and utilize the results of their soil tests to make informed decisions about plant placement and fertilizer needs. Interested Washtenaw County residents should drop off their sample(s) and filled out sample information form(s) at the WCCD office during business hours between November 15-19. Please note, free soil testing is limited to one sample per field (please no grid sampling) and only the standard test. To learn more, get the form, and ensure you take a proper sample, click the link below.

Soil Sampling Instructions and Forms



Free Well Water Testing

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 6th, 2021

WCCD Office, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Room 2304, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

WCCD, in concert with EMU, will be offering free well water testing on November 6th at the WCCD office. Be sure to read the sample taking instructions as the test is only as reliable as the sample collected!

Well Water Sampling Instructions & Forms

Bring your water sample and sample information sheet to the WCCD office to be tested for nitrates and nitrites. Contact MAEAP technician Nick Machinski at nick@washtenawcd.org or [734.302.8711](tel:734.302.8711) with any questions.

**Please note, this service is meant for well water only. Please do not bring city water as it is tested regularly.*



2021 Rain Barrel Round-Up!



In 2021, the WCCD sold 148 rain barrels and 18 totes for water catchment! All together, that is potentially 13,090 gallons of rainwater diverted during each heavy rain event!

Would you like to join others in capturing this resource and helping to protect our drain ways & waterbodies from runoff and flash flows? Preorders for Rain Barrels & accessories return in 2022. Click the button below to sign up for updates.

Our friends at [Wonderful Tiny Farm](#) set the 2021 WCCD sale record with their large water catchment & distribution system supporting their flower & vegetable gardens (pictured). They wrote a [great WTF blog post about their system and lessons learned](#), highly recommended read!

Learn more & Sign-up for Rain Barrel sales updates!



BAT WEEK!



Celebrate spooky season the conservation way by participating in [Bat Week](#), October 24th through October 31st. "Bat Week is an annual, international celebration of the role of bats in nature," and their website has tons of great resources for celebrating and protecting bats! Follow plans to build a bat house, color some pages with a friend, or even cook a dish using ingredients that are supported by bats!



THANK YOU!

2021 Fall Tree Sale in the Books

Thank you all for another successful Fall Tree & Native Plant sale! The WCCD staff, with our partners at the Water Resource Commission, and over 75 amazing volunteers successfully distributed over 7,000 conifer transplants and 4,400 native plants! The plants went home with 300+ customers to improve landscapes throughout our communities.

Our next plant preorder sales will be the [2022 Spring Tree & Shrub](#) and [2022 Native Plant sales](#), both will open for preorders in January 2022, stay tuned for updates! These sales support WCCD's conservation work across Washtenaw County.

Contact Doug Reith, WCCD Resource Coordinator, with any questions:
[\(734\) 302 8713](tel:7343028713), doug@washtenawcd.org



Upcoming Events

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and 3 p.m.**

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Zeeb Road, Room 2304,
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Soil Drive Week

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19th between 8
a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**

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Zeeb Road, Suite 201,
Ann Arbor MI, 48103*

Bring your soil sample to the WCCD office during the week of November 15th for free testing. Please note, free soil testing is limited to one sample per field (please no grid

Ag Tire Recycling

**Saturday,
December 18th
(Time TBA)**

*Freedom Township
Hall, 11508 E Pleasant
Lake Rd, Manchester, MI
48158*

A partnership with the Washtenaw County Public Works Department. RSVP will be required with a tire limit per resident. Stay tuned for more details!

for taking a good water sample [here](#). Contact MAEAP technician Nick Machinski at nick@washtenawcd.org or [734.302.8711](tel:734.302.8711) with any questions. Offered in partnership with EMU.

sampling) and only the standard test. Get the forms and read how to properly sample [here](#).

Local Government Updates

- [Salem Township Land Preservation and Conservation Board](#) will be meeting on **Monday, October 18th at 7pm** at the Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road, Salem, MI 48175
- [Ann Arbor Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board](#) will be meeting on **Monday, October 25th at 7pm** at the Ann Arbor Township Hall, 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
- [Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee \(ALPAC\)](#) will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 26th at 7 p.m.**
- [Northfield Township Land Preservation Committee](#) will be meeting on **Monday, November 1st at 6 p.m.** at the Northfield Township Public Safety Building at 8350 Main Street, Whitmore Lake, 48189. Agendas and minutes can be found [here](#).
- [Dexter Township Open Space and Land Preservation Committee](#) will be meeting on **Thursday, November 4th at 8 p.m.** at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, Dexter, MI 48130.

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