



Brown County Soil and Water Conservation District

Newsletter

Spring 2016

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Spring into saving water!

Rain Barrel Tips for Success:

Roll out the rain barrel in the spring

Wait until the last frost to install your rain barrel.

Find the right rooftop and downspout

Choose a downspout that is close to the area where you want to use the water.

Remember gravity

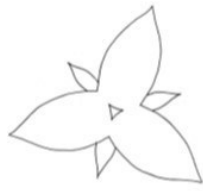
Your rain barrel will work best if it is slightly uphill of the area where you want to use the water. It is recommended that your barrel be elevated off the ground with cinder blocks to ensure good water pressure from the barrel.

Know your ground

Make sure the ground beneath the selected downspout is solid and level. When filled, the rain barrel will weigh about 400 pounds and you don't want it to tip over! Gravel, wooden boards, or concrete slabs can be used to create a firm base.



A rain barrel workshop will be conducted in the future, if interested, please call the office to be placed on a registration list 937-378-4424 ext. 121.



Tri-County R.O.W.

(Real Outdoor Women)

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Brown, Adams and Highland counties are excited to present the second year of Tri-County R.O.W.—Real Outdoor Women!

Schedule of Events:

April 21, 2016 - Outdoor Cooking

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Rocky Fork State Park, Hillsboro, Highland Co.

Discover the fun and simplicity of cooking outside. You will observe and assist in creating a campfire banquet.

June 16, 2016 - Nature Photography

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Chatfield College, St. Martin, Brown Co.

Join a professional photographer to discover tips on capturing glimpses of nature and then, you will put your new skills to the test!

July 21, 2016 - Tree Identification Basics

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Pike State Forest, Pike Co.

Studying leaves, bark, and seeds can be a daunting task. Walk the woods with an expert to uncover the secrets to tree identification.

September 15, 2016 - Introduction to Fishing

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Woodland Altars, Adams Co.

Grab a pole and explore the world of recreational fishing. You will have the chance to test both a basic rod/reel combination and fly fishing, too.

Pre-registration is required and a fee of \$15.00 for each evening provides participants with a light meal and materials used during the event.

For more information call the Brown County SWCD office at 937-378-4424, ext. 125.

Many partners are working together to make this event a success! Thanks to the ODNR – Division of Wildlife and Pheasants/Quail Forever for their support. We also appreciate ODNR – Division of Parks, ODNR – Division of Forestry and Chatfield College for assisting with the facility requirements.



Breaking New Ground



Agricultural producers are reminded to consult with FSA and NRCS before breaking out new ground for production purposes, as doing so without prior authorization may put a producer's federal farm program benefits in jeopardy. This is especially true for land that must meet Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions.

Producers with HEL determined soils are required to apply tillage, crop residue and rotational requirements as specified in their conservation plan.



Producers should notify FSA as a first point of contact **prior to conducting land clearing or drainage type projects** to ensure the proposed actions meet compliance criteria, such as clearing any trees to create new cropland. These areas may need to be reviewed to ensure such work will not risk your eligibility for benefits.

Landowners and operators complete the form AD-1026 - Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification to identify the proposed action and allow FSA to determine whether a referral to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for further review is necessary.

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 a.m. Meetings are open to the public and held at the Brown SWCD office.

Calendar of Events

Board Meeting	Apr. 20
Outdoor Cooking	Apr. 21
Board Meeting	May 18
Board Meeting	Jun. 15
Nature Photo	Jun. 21
GREEN Camp	Jun. 21-24

Thank You

We would like to thank the Brown County Commissioners, The Solid Waste Authority and the Brown County Auditor for their continuing support and dedication to soil and water conservation in our county.

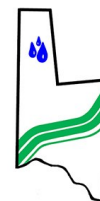
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Give us a call for more information about our services and products.

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