

The Conservation Spotlight

A Supplement to the
St. Joseph County SWCD's
Quarterly Newsletter:
The Conservation Kaleidoscope



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SAVE THE DATE

COMPOSTING 101 Seminar

Presented by:
Rick Glassman,
St. Joseph County SWCD

Monday, September 27, 2010
~ 6:30 PM ~
@ Main Library
(Downtown South Bend)
in the Colfax Auditorium

A FREE EVENT co-organized by
YOUR St. Joseph County SWCD
& the St. Joseph County Solid Waste
Management District (SWMD)

For DETAILS or to
RESERVE a SEAT, give us a call
at 574-291-7444 x 3

Hello!

Welcome to this special supplemental edition of our regular quarterly newsletter, The Conservation Kaleidoscope. In this issue, our “Spotlight” (or focus) is on three exciting upcoming events... On the evening of Tues., September 21st, we are partnering with the Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Elkhart and Kosciusko counties for a Forestry Field Day in New Paris. With 3 distinct tracks, there's bound to be something for you! Check out page 2 for more details. As you can see to the left, we are again partnering with the St. Joseph County Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) for a Compost 101 Seminar on the evening of Mon., September 27th. Call today to reserve your spot for this always popular event. Lastly, we are in the midst of taking pre-orders for our Fall Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Sale. Attend either the Forestry Field Day or the Compost Seminar and receive a valuable Instant Rebate Form for an even greater deal on these items. See page 3 for deadlines and further details.

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Three County Forestry Field Day

Dean Morehouse Farm
19195 US 6, New Paris

Come outside with us!

September 21, 2010 @ 5:30—8:30 PM

(site is located on north side of US 6, 1/2 mile east of State Road 15)

5:30—6:00 Welcome, Opening at “The Shop”

6:00—7:45 Choose 1 Track:

Maple Syrup Track: Managing for Maple (Tom Crowe, Forester) & Visit to Maple Syrup Evaporator (Richard Snider, Owner)

Forest Management Track: Timber Stand Improvement (Tim Eizinger, District Forester) & Timber Economics (Bruce Wakeland, Forester)

Backyard Conservation Track: Backyard Wildlife Habitat (Rick Glassman, St. Joseph County SWCD) & Rain Gardens (Eric Kurtz, Elkhart County SWCD)

8:00—8:30 All Meet at “The Shop”: Windbreaks and Other Energy Saving Values of Trees



Sponsored by:



The Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Elkhart, Kosciusko, and St. Joseph Counties

Registration requested by calling YOUR local SWCD office:

Elkhart: 574-533-3630, ext. 3
Kosciusko: 574-267-7445, ext. 3
St. Joseph: 574-291-2300, ext. 3



Announcing our Fall Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Pre-Sale



Compost Bin



Rain Barrel

Nature's Way of Recycling ~ Rain Barrels and Compost Bins!

WHY buy a Rain Barrel or Compost Bin?

Save Water! Rain Barrels collect water on a rainy day and conserve it for use on a dry day.

Protect Our Waterways by Managing Your Stormwater! Rain Barrels help reduce the amount of rain water (or stormwater) that runs off your roof and enters our stormwater drains and ultimately our lakes and rivers. Reducing rain water runoff decreases the amount of valuable soil and harmful pollutants that wash away along with rain water runoff.

Save Money! Save money on your water bill by using water stored in your Rain Barrel. Instead of buying expensive commercial soils and nutrient additives, you can create fertile soil by composting.

Save Landfill Space! The Rain Barrels and Tumbling Compost Bins we are selling are made in Illinois from repurposed or "upcycled" materials and fittings are made with 40% recycled material. By composting, you help divert food and yard waste from the landfill by recycling it into nutrient-rich material.

Support YOUR SWCD! The proceeds earned from fundraisers like this one allow us to provide an important service to the community and improve the quality of our environment here in St. Joseph County.

HOW MUCH does it cost?

Rain Barrels ~ 55-Gallon. Colors: Gray, Terra Cotta, Black, and Blue. Regular Price: \$95. Price after Instant Rebate: \$70*.

Rain Barrel Accessories ~ We offer a variety of accessories to enhance your Rain Barrel.

Tumbling Composters ~ 55-Gallon (Black) Regular Price: \$175. Price after Instant Rebate: \$125*. ~ 5-Gallon (Terra Cotta) Regular Price: \$75. Price after Instant Rebate: \$55*.

* Instant Rebates ~ Attend our Sept. 21 Three County Forestry Field Day or our Sept. 27 Compost 101 Seminar and receive a valuable Instant Rebate Form for \$25 off the Rain Barrels, \$50 off the 55-Gallon Composter, and \$20 off the 5-Gallon Composter.

What DATES do I need to know about?

Deadline to Pre-Order ~ Fri., Oct. 8, 2010

Pick-Up Date & Location ~ Thurs., Oct. 14, 2010 from 8AM to 2PM @ Our Office (5605 US 31 South, Suite 4, South Bend, IN 46614)

How can I LEARN MORE?

@ Ordering ~ Call us at 574.291.7444 ext. 3 or visit www.stjoseph.iaswcd.org

@ The Benefits of Rain Barrels, Composting, and Managing Stormwater ~ Call us at 574.291.7444 ext. 3 or visit www.stjoseph.iaswcd.org



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SEPTEMBER

- 6 - Labor Day — OFFICE CLOSED
- 20 - SWCD Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Farm Bureau Mtg Rm.
- 21 - FREE EVENT-Three County Forestry Field Day, 5:30PM to 8:30PM, New Paris, IN (see pg 2 and call for details / to RSVP)
- 27 - FREE EVENT-Composting Seminar, 6:30-8:00 PM, St. Joseph County Public Library (see pg 1 and call for details / to RSVP)

OCTOBER

- 8 - Deadline to Pre-Order Rain Barrels and Compost Bins (see pg 3)
- 14 - Fall Rain Barrels and Compost Bin Pick-Up Date, 8AM-2PM @ Our Office (see pg 3)
- 18 - SWCD Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Farm Bureau Mtg Rm.

OUR MISSION

To provide guidance and education to the youth and adults of St. Joseph County and to administer programs to preserve, protect and improve soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources for future generations.