

# THE OBSERVER

For Shelby County Residents

Shelby County

Issue 191

Interested in agricultural and

Soil and Water Conservation District

Spring 2024

2024

## Rush/Shelby Co. Soil & Water Native Plant Sale

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Type	Price	QTY	Total Price
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Columbine	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Milkweed, swamp	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>	Sullivants Milkweed	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Milkweed	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	False Indigo, Blue	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Carex stricta</i>	Tussock Sedge	graminoid	\$3.50		
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaf Coreopsis	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Dalea purpureum</i>	Prairie Clover, Purple	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Coneflower, Pale Purple	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Coneflower, Purple	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake Master	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>	Sweet Joe-Pye Weed	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False Sunflower	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Swamp Rose Mallow	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag Iris	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Dense Blazing Star	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Bergamot	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Oenothera pilosella</i>	Prairie Sundrops	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Wild Quinine	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Penstemon calycosus</i>	Calico Penstemon	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow Coneflower	graminoid	\$3.50		
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Showy Black-eyed Susan	forb	\$3.50		
<i>schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Solidage speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod	graminoid	\$3.50		
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	Ohio Spiderwort	forb	\$3.50		
<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	Smooth Ironweed	forb	\$3.50		

<b>Total</b>	
<b>Sales Tax</b>	
<b>Total Due</b>	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rush- OR -Shelby Co. Soil & Water**  
**2779 S 840 W**  
**Manilla, IN 46150**  
**765-544-2051, ext. 3**  
**Orders due with payment**  
**by April 22, 2024**

## Water Your Native Plants with Rain Barrels

When picking up your native plants, consider purchasing a rain barrel. We have 40 grey, upcycled, rain barrels available for pick up. The 55-gallon, Food Quality High Density Poly Ethylene Barrels were previously used to ship pickled food overseas. The barrels have been cleaned and rinsed with rainwater and pH neutral soap, so you won't have to worry about any harsh contaminants getting on your plants. They grey color is a great neutral color that goes well with any house. Don't like grey, no worries, these barrels can easily be painted over with any color or design of your choosing!

All barrels have a garden size hose spigot at the bottom, so you have several options on how you water your plants. A garden hose, landscaping tube, or a drip tube can all be attached to the barrel. The Barrels are equipped with an overflow fitting to allow any excess water to be diverted away from the barrel and a linking hose fitting so more barrels can be joined together and fill from just one downspout.

Reasons to get a rain barrel

### **Why should you get a rain barrel?**

Stormwater is water that does not infiltrate into the ground; it flows across the ground and impervious surfaces into streams, rivers, lakes, etc. Homeowners can implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce the amount of stormwater leaving their property.

Installing rain barrels under downspouts is one low-cost BMP that can help reduce runoff. Rain barrels collect rainwater from rooftops during each rain event. The collected water can then be used around the landscape. You can use the water to water gardens and lawns, clean garden tools, fill fountains, extinguish campfires, etc.

- Reduces runoff and non-point source pollution: Rain barrels will capture rainwater from the roof that would otherwise become runoff. Stormwater runoff picks up pollutants such as soil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, trash, animal waste, road salts, chemicals, etc. and transports them to waterways. These pollutants impair waterways and can harm aquatic life and human health.
- Reduces erosion and flooding: Increased amounts of stormwater runoff increases erosion and flooding. Capturing some of the water will reduce velocity and peak flows.
- Saves drinking water resources and money: According to the US EPA, 30% of daily water use is used outdoors. Using the rain barrel's stored water around the landscape saves water resources and reduces the amount of water purchased from municipal sources.
- Good water source for plants: Rainwater is healthy for plants. It is often softer than tap water and does not contain chlorine.



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Species/Mix	IN Seeding Dates	Dormant Seeding Dates*
Cool Season Grasses	3/1-5/15 or 8/1-9/15	12/1-3/1
Legumes	3/1-5/15 or 8/1-9/15	12/1-3/1
Warm Season Grasses	4/1-6/15	12/1-4/1
Forbs	4/1-6/15	12/1-4/1

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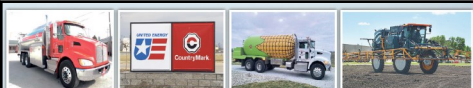
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## Upcoming Events:

**April 18, 2024 (Tentative) - Shelby County SWCD Board Mtg.**

7:00 a.m. Shelby Co. Co-op

**April 13, 2024 - BRANCH Steering Committee Mtg.**

10:00 a.m. Shelby Co. Co-op

**April 20, 2024 - Weed Wrangle**

Shelby County Fairgrounds

**May 4, 2024 - Rain Barrel Workshop**

### Shelby County SWCD Board of Supervisors:

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### Shelby County SWCD Office Staff:

Cindy Scales - District Administrator

Anna Lux - Resource Specialist

Ann Warble Haehl – Outreach Coordinator

Ashley Pine – District Conservationist

Sara Peel—Project Coordinator

## Equipment for Rent

### No-Till Drill:

Price: \$20.00/acre (5 acres min.)  
8' Great Plains No-Till Drill



The no-till drill is great for planting soybeans, small grain or clover without tilling the ground and plants warm season grass seed.

### Strawblower:

Price: \$25.00/hour (two hour min.)



The strawblower is great for mulching newly seeded areas such as lawns, grassed waterways, pond dams, or any area to be seeded.

### Vari-Slice Overseeder

Price—\$100/day



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**Plant sale orders  
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**Rain Barrel  
Workshop May 4th**