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## Trees that work!

Picking the right trees for a windbreak is a little like hiring the right person for a specific job: you'll get the best performance by matching qualifications with the job requirements. First, look for tree species that can handle the growing conditions where you plan to plant them, suggests Gregg Maxfield, a district forest manager with the ODNR Division of Forestry. "Soil type is really key," he stresses.

For instance, if your planting in heavy clay soils, Bald Cypress would grow better than White Pine. However, the White Pine would do better on sandy soils because it is more tolerant of droughty conditions.

Also consider whether you want the windbreak to just control wind erosion or provide wildlife habitat as well. Trees with narrow crowns such as the Arborvitae and Northern White Cedar can make a good single grown windbreak if wind protection is the main objective and space is tight. Adding a second row with staggered spacing will make the windbreak more effective, Maxfield notes. He also recommends using a variety of species. "You'll have a planting that's more resistant against insects and diseases," he explains.

To provide year-around wind protection, windbreaks need at least one row of evergreens. Many landowners also choose to include rows of small trees and shrubs in their windbreaks to add visual appeal or provide wildlife habitat. For instance, American Plum has showy white flowers in the spring and also produces fruit eaten by many different birds and animals. Red Osier Dogwood is another popular choice because of its distinctive red stems. It also provides food and cover for birds.

For the best wind protection, shorter trees and shrubs should be planted upwind of the taller evergreens so the wind will stairstep up over the windbreak rather than hitting a wall of trees. Maxfield says. However, some people choose to put shrubs on the inside of their windbreaks so they can see them and the wildlife they attract.

For more information on choosing trees and designing a windbreak, refer to the Ohio Windbreak guide, available online at [www.dnr.state.oh.us/forestry/](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/forestry/) or through the SWCD office.

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### Special Points of Interest

- Feb. 12 Board Meeting
- Feb. 16 Office Closed
- Mar. 12 Board Meeting
- Mar. 20 Last day for tree orders
- Mar. 27 Last day for fish orders
- Mar. 31 Pickup day for fish - 10:00am to 11:00am at Asht. Co. Fairgrounds
- April 10 Seedling Pick up 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- April 11 Seedling Pick up 8:00am to 10:00 am

## 2009 SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK April 26-May 3, 2009

Is soil an important ingredient in your every day life? The answer is yes, and here are a few reasons why:

- ⇒ Last night you slept in a building built on soil.
- ⇒ You drink water that flows through soil and is cleaned by the soil.
- ⇒ You breathe air that comes partly from plants growing in the soil.
- ⇒ You even wear clothes made from plants that grow in the soil.

The Stewardship and Education Committee is pleased to announce the 2009 Stewardship Theme: "Dig It! The Secrets of Soil." Stewardship Week will be officially celebrated April 26 to May 3, 2009, but we encourage you to celebrate throughout the year.

**ASHTABULA SWCD**  
**39 Wall Street Jefferson, Ohio 44047**  
**2009 TREE SEEDLING/GROUNDCOVER SALE**

Orders for the year 2009 Tree Seedling Sale will be accepted through Friday March 20, 2009 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, groundcover, and flower seeds 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. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday April 10 or between 8:00 am to 10:00 am Saturday April 11. 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 (6-14") Used for landscape, windbreaks, reforestation and Christmas trees
- Packet 3 - Norway Spruce: (25 per pkt.)** 3-yr seedlings (10-20") Used for Christmas trees, ornamentals, timber and windbreaks.
- Packet 4 - Scotch Pine: (25 per pkt.)** 2-yr seedlings (5-10") Hardy, short needle, blue-green.
- Packet 5 - Canaan Fir: (25 per pkt.)** 4-yr transplant seedlings (6-14") Similar to Fraser Fir, but can withstand hotter temperatures and wet ground. Buds break later than Fraser, so it is well suited to areas where late frosts occur. A good choice for Christmas tree.
- Packet 6 -Canadian Hemlock: (25 per pkt.)** 4-year seedlings (6-12") Likes moist well-drained soil. Grows 70 feet; spreads 35 feet.
- Packet 7 -White Spruce: (25 per pkt.)** 3-yr seedlings (8-12") 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 8 - American Mountain Ash: (5per pkt)** 2 yr seedling (1-3') Height to 30'. Clusters of small white flowers after leaves appear, followed by red-orange berries. Beautiful fall color. Good for wildlife. Likes full sunlight and rich, deep soil, but will grow under a variety of conditions. It will not tolerate flooding, but can stand some salt spray.
- Packet 9 - Sawtooth Oak 'Gobbler': (5 per pkt.)** 1 yr seedlings (14-20") Grows 40-60 feet and as wide. Acorns are excellent food for wildlife. Disease and insect resistant.
- Packet 10- Sugar Maple: (5 per pkt.)** 2-yr seedling (6-12") Brilliant yellow, burnt orange and limited red tones in autumn, does not do well in wet areas.
- Packet 11 – Sargent Crabapple: (5 per pkt)** 2-yr seedling (2-3') Grows to 8'. Small, dark red crabapples appear in fall before the leaves drop. A favorite food for songbirds and wildlife.
- Packet 12– Super Enorma Mix English Daisy: (2 potted Perennials)** Very large daisy-like, fully double 3" flowers in shades of red, peach, rose, pink and white in early April through June. Prefers cool moist drained soil, full sun or partial shade. Outstanding massing, bedding & border plant.
- Packet 13- Dragons Blood Sedum: (2 potted Perennials)** low growing ground cover 4-6" in height, spreads 12-16". Plant in sun or partly shaded area. Drought tolerant, good for dry locations. Will grow in poor, average to clay soils. Prefers well drained soil. Attracts butterflies. Can flourish on stony ledges, rocks and walls.
- Packet 14- Early Sunrise Coreopsis: (2 potted Perennials)** Large golden-yellow bloom spreads 12 inches. Blooms for several weeks June-Sept. Grows in garden soil, but prefers a rich, moist soil. Will attract butterflies. Also used for borders/mass plantings.
- Packet 15- English Ivy: (25 per pkt.)** 1-year transplants bare-rooted. Likes full sun or full shade.
- Packet 16- Pachysandra Cuttings: (25 per pkt.)** 1-year transplants bare-rooted. Grows on any soil type.
- Packet 17- Hummingbird Mix:** contains 12 varieties of annuals and biennials; will cover 75 sq. ft.
- Packet 18- Wildflower Mix:** contains 24 varieties of annuals, perennials and biennials; will cover 250 sq. ft.
- Packet 19- Bird & Butterfly Mix:** contains 17 varieties of annuals and perennials; will cover 250 sq. ft.
- Packet 20- Perennial Wildflower Mix:** contains 12 varieties of perennials; will cover 25 0 sq. ft.

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marital status, or handicap.**

**JOHN WILSON  
SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS DUE  
MARCH 6, 2009**

Applications for the 2009 John F. Wilson Memorial Scholarship must be received by the Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District by March 6th for eligibility. This fund was

established to provide financial assistance to high school graduates pursuing or college students of Ashtabula County majoring in a natural resource field.

John F. Wilson was the first Ashtabula SWCD conservationist. He worked in that capacity for 28 years until this retirement in 1978.

The district awards two, one time,

\$500 scholarships. Candidates will be evaluated on academic achievement, community involvement and course of study. Prospective applicants can contact their high school guidance counselor or go to our website at [www.suite224.net/~ashtswcd](http://www.suite224.net/~ashtswcd) to print application form.

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**2009 FISH ORDER FORM**

**Ashtabula S.W.C.D.**

**39 Wall Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047**

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 **Tuesday, March 31, 2009 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. MARK YOUR CALENDARS**, as there will be no notification sent to remind you of the pick up day and time. On pickup 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 bucket 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 (no more, no less!). Let us know if you will be driving more than 30 minutes on your way home.

**All orders should be made by Friday, March 27** 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.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 4"-6" Channel Catfish @ \$0.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 1"-2" Fathead Minnows @ \$6.00/100 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 3"-5" Perch @ \$0.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 10-12" Triploid White Amur @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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