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Cars and homes are not the only victims of the heavy storms we've had in the past few weeks. Farm fields, roadside ditches, streams and rivers have all suffered from the effects of water, wind and floods.

The first information out on the new farm bill indicates that additional money may be available yet this summer for those who want to implement conservation practices on their property. This money has come at just the right time. With the above mentioned rains we've had in the last couple of weeks, fields, ditches and streams that never had erosion problems before, now have significant soil loss areas. What can be done? Cost share is available for critical area seeding, grassed waterways, terraces and much more.

If you would like a free estimate on what it would take to fix your storm damaged fields, give us a call at 291-2300.

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### Taking Time to Say Thank You

I always remember my mother telling me that saying "thank you" could mean the world to someone and it takes very little effort. I sincerely think this is the right time to say "thank you" on behalf of the St. Joseph County SWCD, to all of the residents of Michiana for the continued support that each of you have given to the district and it's annual Tree Sales Program. This was our tenth anniversary for the program, and each year the program becomes more successful. That continued success is due to your support and confidence in purchasing our conservation products. Our goal each year

is to provide you with the best products available that will address your conservation needs and/or concerns.

We are pleased to report the 1995-1996 season has closed with us selling over 35,800 trees and shrubs, 16 garden packages, 41 flats of Monkeyflower, 12,275 groundcover plants and 112 packages of wildflower seed to over 520 customers.

Through your continued support, the District is able to use the proceeds from the Tree Sales Program, to carry on an excellent environmental education program, which services over 20,000 students each year. In addition, we also use the funds to carry out our daily office operations and provide other informational programs.

Thank you again and we look forward to working with you next season!



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### Planting of Trees in An Urban Setting

The St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District, in cooperation with the South Bend Parks and Recreation Department and the South Bend Audubon Society, have coordinated their efforts in helping to sponsor an urban reforestation project in the Rum Village Neighborhood this past April. Funding was made possible through a state grant the District received to assist with the project, which provided the purchase of city street trees, approximately 1 1/2 to 2" caliper, to be planted in a homeowner's front yard. A tree planting workshop was held at Rum Village on April 26th for those landowners who requested a tree.

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In addition, a tree planting ceremony was held at Walker Field, where a sweet gum tree was planted to kick off the project. Elementary students and parents from Our Lady of Hungary assisted with the tree planting in conjunction with Arbor Day. A total of fifteen homeowners requested the trees, which were delivered by the South Bend Parks and Recreation Department.



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### Congratulations Are In Order

There won't be any television cameras, bottles of champagne or chauffeur driven limousines arriving at Dave Millar's home to congratulate him on being selected as the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District's "Cooperator of the Year" for 1995. However, it is still a very well deserved honor to be selected as a representative of promoting soil and water conservation in St. Joseph County.

Each year in cooperation with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), local conservation districts are asked to select candidates as outstanding cooperators, who make significant contributions to the field of soil and water conservation.



The District selected Dave Millar because of his dedication and commitment in protecting our natural resources in St. Joseph County. Dave has been a faithful Affiliate Member of the District; has supported every field day or workshop we have held; held the first well plugging demonstration in the county through the Tri-County Watershed Project; actively supportive of water quality measures in all of his farming operations, as

well as, his commercial business of sod farming; actively involved in the Worker Protection Standards program for his employees; has participated in using conservation plant materials for windbreak plantings and continues to be actively involved on the Tri-County Steering Committee identifying conservation concerns and problems within St. Joseph County. Dave's conscientious efforts of promoting natural resource conservation goes beyond the realm of everyday activities. Dave voluntarily takes time out of his busy schedule to spread the word of conservation to his friends, clients and colleagues with individual field visits and local meetings and seminars.

We are proud to announce that Dave has been selected for this award and extend our gratitude and appreciation to him for his conservation merits, and challenge him to continue spreading the conservation message. Congratulations!

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### District Awards Educational Grants

The St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District was proud to be able to offer seven area schools money to help them with the development of an Outdoor Environmental Laboratory on the school's property. These labs will be used to add environmental education to the normal curriculum taught at the schools. Winners included:

#### Mishawaka School Corporation

- Beiger ----- New development of a courtyard lab.
- Hums ----- Continued development of their 2 acre lab.

#### Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation

- Horizon ---- Continued development of the courtyard lab.
- Mary Frank - Continued development of their 8 acre lab.

#### Private Schools

- Stanley Clark- Continued development of their 5 acre lab.

#### South Bend Community School Corporation

- Greene ----- Wood for bat houses and student studies of bats.
- Swanson ---- Continued development of their 2 acre lab.

#### Union-North School Corporation

- LaVille Elem- Continued development of their 2 acre lab.



# COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

## July 23, 1996

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Joseph County Public Library  
(Main Branch)

## September 7, 1996

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Greene Twp. Community Bldg.  
(24600 Roosevelt Road)

## September 26, 1996

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

North Liberty Community Bldg.  
(300 South Main Street)

## July 29, 1996

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

4-H Fair  
(Nature Center Area)

## September 12, 1996

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Rum Village Nature Center  
(2626 South Gertrude Street)

## October 2, 1996

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Battell Center  
(904 North Main Street, Mishawaka)

## July 30, 1996

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

4-H Fair  
(Nature Center Area)

## September 21, 1996

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph County Public Library  
Francis Branch  
(52655 Ironwood Drive, South Bend)

## October 8, 1996

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

American Legion  
(U. S. 20 - right at curve outside of  
New Carlisle)

## August 28, 1996

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Harris Twp. Fire Station #1  
(51070 Bittersweet Road, Granger)

There is a \$10 registration fee per participant per workshop.

Each participant will receive a composting bin and a composting book.

# Workshops Sponsored by:



## Solid Waste Management District of St. Joseph County

310 West South Street  
South Bend, IN 46601  
235-9971

## St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District

60455 U.S. 31 South  
South Bend, IN 46614  
291-2300



### In cooperation with:

## Purdue Cooperative Extension Service

646 County City Building  
South Bend, IN 46601  
235-9604



## Purdue Cooperative Extension

"Putting Knowledge to Work"

# Conservation Assistance Directory

(Clip and Save)

## Local

### Drainage Board

c/o Surveyor's Office  
Room 1100, County-City Building  
South Bend, IN 46601  
Phone: 235-9543

- drainage and flooding control
- tile and ditch design and maintenance

### Engineering Office

Room 732, County-City Building  
South Bend, IN 46601  
Phone: 235-9626

- stormwater control design
- county infrastructure design and maintenance

### Extension Service (Purdue Univ.)

Room 646, County-City Building  
South Bend, IN 46601  
Phone: 235-9604

- pesticide training and information
- agricultural research assistance
- insect and plant information

### Health Department

Environmental Section  
9th Floor County-City Building  
South Bend, IN 46601  
Phone: 235-9775

- Septic system permits and inspection
- water quality concerns
- home resource concerns

### Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG)

11th Floor County-City Building  
South Bend, IN 46601  
Phone: 287-1829

- county program coordination
- environmental studies and records

### Organic Resources

City of South Bend - Dept. of Sanitation  
4340 Old Cleveland Road  
South Bend, IN 46628  
Phone: 287-6841

- compost

Solid Waste District  
310 West South Street  
South Bend, IN 46601  
Phone: 235-9971

- recycling concerns

## State of Indiana

### Indiana Dept of Environmental Management (IDEM)

100 North Senate Avenue  
P.O. Box 6015  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Phone: (317) 232-8603

- state resource permitting and enforcement
- soil, water and air related
- Rule 5, 401, manure management, etc.

### IDNR Conservation Officers

9722 Hatchery Road  
Syracuse, IN 46350  
Phone: (219) 457-8092

- wildlife and recreational law enforcement
- license and safety training

### IDNR Service Forester

6718 E. Winona Avenue  
Knox, IN 46534  
Phone: (219) 772-5848

- classified forest program
- forestry and tree conservation

### IDNR Division of Soil Conservation

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Phone: (219) 291-2300

- soil erosion conservation
- urban resource conservation
- land use and resource planning

### IDNR Division of Water

402 W. Washington St., Room W264  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Phone: (317) 232-4160

- stream, river and lake permitting and enforcement

### IDNR Wildlife Biologist

P.O. Box 77  
North Judson, IN 46366  
Phone: (219) 896-3572

- classified wildlife programs
- wildlife planning assistance

## Federal Office

### Army Corp of Engineers

6910 N. Gumwood Road  
Granger, IN 46530  
Phone: (219) 277-6044

- non-agricultural wetland permits and enforcement

### Farm Service Agency (formerly ASCS)

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Phone: (219) 291-7444

- federal farm bill implementation
- agricultural crop programs
- conservation practice cost share

### Natural Resource Conservation Service (formerly SCS)

60455 U.S. 31 South  
South Bend, IN 46614  
Phone: (219) 291-2300

- federal farm bill implementation
- resource planning and assistance
- erosion control design
- technical and educational assistance
- soil survey information
- agricultural wetland delineation and protection

### U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

620 South Walker Street  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
Phone: (812) 334-4261

- wetland enhancement and design
- resource planning
- cost share

Note: If you have a concern or question about a particular topic not listed above, please contact the District and we will be glad to get you headed in the right direction.

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### Recycle Your Yard Waste



What should you do with all the yard and garden waste created at your home? The landfill doesn't want it. So, what can be done with the grass clippings, leaves and vegetable skins?

The St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District, in conjunction with the St. Joseph County Solid Waste Management District, will be holding a series of composting seminars starting this summer and running through the end of the year. These informational seminars will provide you with tips on how, why and



when to compost. In addition, each seminar participant will receive a compost bin and a book on composting.

Watch for our advertisements, due out this summer, for the composting seminars. Plan to attend and recycle that yard waste into high fertility mulch.



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