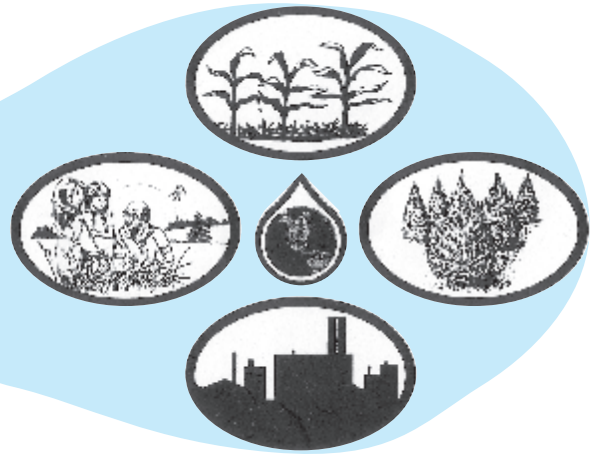




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What's Going On...

Call for Details & to RSVP

JANUARY

16 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (Office Closed)

17 - SWCD Monthly Board Meeting, 7PM, NEW SWCD Office

SAVE THE DATE

Call the Office for Your Ticket Today!

Fri, Jan 27 - St. Joseph County SWCD 52nd Annual Meeting, St. Hedwig Parish in South Bend, Doors Open 6PM, Polish Family-Style Dinner Tickets \$12.50 each, Motivational Speaker: Brett Eastburn

FEBRUARY

7 - Tree Selection & Planting Seminar, 6PM, Centre Township Library, South Bend-Free Event!

15 - 3rd Annual Spring Producers' Breakfast and Pesticide Recertification Meeting-Free Event!

20 - PRESIDENTS' DAY (Office Closed)

21 - SWCD Monthly Board Meeting, 7PM, NEW SWCD Office

MARCH

1 - Deadline to Pre-Order Trees, Rain Barrels, Rain Barrel Accessories & Composters

19 - SWCD Monthly Board Meeting, 7PM, NEW SWCD Office

Have You Heard?

We Have Moved! One of the biggest changes in 2011 that you may have already heard about is that our office, as part of the **St. Joseph County USDA Service Center (the shared offices of the NRCS, FSA, and SWCD)**, has recently **MOVED** due to the U.S. 31 project. We are now located at the intersection of Ironwood and Ireland in the building where the former Gabriele Eye Institute was located. **Our new address is listed above. Please note that our phone number and web address have remained the same as before.** We are excited about getting settled into our new office, and are happy that the location seems to be convenient to our customers.

People Changes! As you may have read in our 3rd Quarterly edition of the *Conservation Kaleidoscope*, in May we welcomed our new NRCS Soil Conservationist, Amanda Kautz. Our SWCD County Conservationist, Andy Fox, and his wife, Brittany, also welcomed their new baby girl, Betsy in October.

As you might have also heard, our Partners at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) have had some big changes. After a combined 82 years of service as program technicians, Denise Trimboli, Helen Cannoot, and Cindy Philhower retired in August/September of 2011. The County Executive Director, Morgan Thornburg, also transferred to Delphi Service Center. Throughout the fall of 2011, the FSA has definitely been providing full-time professional service (as usual, and despite some rumors to the contrary). The FSA has been operated by

numerous dedicated individuals who have been "filling in" from other counties in Indiana and by early 2012, the St. Joseph County FSA should have a more permanent staff.

More Choices! Another change in 2011 has to do with our Annual Tree Sale fundraiser. For the first time, our Tree Sale Flyers include rain barrels, rain barrel accessories, and composters available for pre-order. These items are manufactured from locally made materials and/or materials that are repurposed and diverted from being discarded into landfills by a company in Minooka, IL called Upcycle Products (www.upcycle-products.com).

Changes in the Kaleidoscope! In order to communicate with you on a more timely basis, we have decided to publish the *Conservation Kaleidoscope* on a bi-monthly basis (versus quarterly), and to keep costs down, we are moving to a 4-page (versus 8-page) format.

Wait, There's More! Look for our **2011 Annual Report**, which will be distributed as an insert to The Farmers Exchange in early January, at our **Annual Meeting on Jan. 27**, on our website, and by request @ 574-291-7444 ext. 3

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26TH ANNUAL TREE SALE

ALSO FEATURING RAIN BARRELS,
RAIN BARREL ACCESSORIES AND COMPOSTERS

Pre-Order
Deadline:
March 1,
2012

Fill in QUANTITY of packages and SUB-TOTAL \$	Pack of 5	Pack of 10	Pack of 25	SUB-TOTAL \$
	QTY	QTY	QTY	
American Arborvitae 20-30"	X \$9.50	X \$18.00	X \$42.50	
Blue Spruce 16-24"	X \$10.00	X \$19.00	X \$45.00	
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Bur Oak 16-24"	X \$6.80	X \$12.60	X \$29.00	
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Sugar Maple 18-24"	X \$9.10	X \$17.20	X \$40.50	
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White Flowering Dogwood 18-24"	X \$8.70	X \$16.40	X \$38.50	
Pachysandra (25 plants /12.5-25ft)			X \$15.50	
American Wildflower Mix ~ Pack of 1 (1oz/250 ft)	X \$7.50			
Bird & Butterfly Mix ~ Pack of 1 (1oz/250 ft)	X \$7.50			
Rain Barrels, Rain Barrel Accessories & Composters				
	QTY			Price Per Item
RAIN BARREL: 55 Gallon (BLACK)			X	\$70.00
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RAIN BARREL: 30 Gallon (BLUE)			X	\$55.00
Rain Barrel Diverter Kit (WHITE) Qty: ___ 2x3;			X	\$31.00
Linking Hose (BLACK)			X	\$9.00
Flex Elbow (WHITE) Size 2x3			X	\$9.00
Flex Elbow (WHITE) Size 3x4			X	\$15.00
Plant Hanger (METAL) Qty: ___ 17"; ___ 20"; ___ 25"			X	\$13.00
Pedestal Riser (WOOD)			X	\$24.00
Rain Barrel Netting (BLACK)			X	\$10.00
TUMBLING COMPOSTER: 55 Gallon (BLACK)			X	\$120.00
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CK#	Date	By		

RAIN BARRELS, RAIN BARREL ACCESSORIES, AND COMPOSTERS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER!
A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from roofs that would otherwise be lost to storm drains, streams and rivers. The Rain Barrels that the St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) sells are from a small company in Minnesota, IL, called Upcycle Products (www.upcycle-products.com). Visit www.stjosephswcd.org or call our office to see this Order Form in color.

- Made from thoroughly cleaned **re-used** USDA food-grade, high density polyethylene plastic, which inhibits algae & bacterial growth
- Help the environment by diverting the barrels from landfills and conserving water... It's WIN, WIN!
- Aluminum screening keeps out leaves, debris and mosquitoes
- Fitted with a hose shut-off valve to connect to a hose, an overflow fitting & cap, and a linking, fitting & cap to connect multiple barrels
- For water pressure, the recommended placement is 12" high using an optional pedestal, cement blocks or other materials
- 5 year warranty on the materials and workmanship.

WHICH RAIN BARREL SHOULD I CHOOSE?

Terra-Cotta, 55 Gallon
The perfect color to match terra cotta planters and hanging pots. Barrels inivel with red brick houses.
Our Price: \$70.00

Gray, 55 Gallon
Also a neutral color that looks great with green plants and trees and helps well behind deciduous trees and bushes. Won't clash with any color house.
Our Price: \$70.00

Terra-Cotta, 30 Gallon
The 5-gallon Terra-Cotta Rain Barrel holds slightly less rain water than the other.
Our Price: \$65.00

Blue, 55 Gallon
A good choice if you would like to paint your Rain Barrel perfect blue for the sky and water of any landscape picture.
Our Price: \$70.00

Black, 55 Gallon
A neutral color that looks great with green plants & trees in your garden. Won't clash with any color house.
Our Price: \$70.00

Blue, 30 Gallon
Intended for homeowners or apartment dwellers with a balcony. When full, it will weigh less than 300 pounds per square foot.
Our Price: \$55.00

RAIN BARREL ACCESSORIES

Rain Barrel Diverter Kit
Made from upcycled/repurposed vinyl fence post covers & attaches directly to the Rain Barrels via an attachment hose. No need to modify or remove your downspout. When this Rain Barrel is full, back pressure and the water exits out of the upper exit spout into the normal drainage system. Fully automatic. Available in sizes 2x3 inch or 3x4 inch downspout.
Our Price: \$31 each

Pedestal Riser
Not getting the kind of water pressure you would like out of your Rain Barrel? Would you like to have the convenience of bottom spigot being just a little bit higher? The Rain Barrel Pedestal would do the trick! Made of 100% upcycled lumber, so the exact design & materials used to make the Pedestals may vary somewhat depending on what is available for repurposing at the time of order.
Our Price: \$24 each

Linking Hose
Used for attaching multiple barrels together for increased capacity. No tools required.
Color: Black. 1/2 inch hose by 4 foot long. **Our Price: \$9 each**

Flex Elbow
Simply cut the downspout where you want to install flex elbow and then slide it in place. Color: White. Sizes: 2x3 inch or 3x4 inch
Our Price: 2x3 - \$9 each; 3x4 - \$15 each

Plant Hangers
These upcycled/repurposed plant hangers are made from stainless steel and aluminum strapping, once used for securing overseas shipping crates.
For standard 4" diameter or smaller pot in 17, 20, and 25 inch lengths.
Our Price: \$13 each

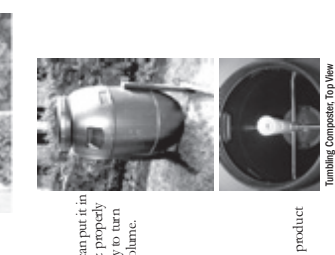
TWO MORE QUICK NOTES ABOUT THESE UPCYCLED BARRELS
Because these are USED/upcycled barrels, they may have some scuff marks & scratches from shipping & handling. Upcycle Products Inc. inspects, cleans, and modifies each barrel. There are no significant scuffs or scratches which would harm the structural integrity of the barrel and lead to any leakage. The spigot is installed on the nicer looking face.
Also because they are USED/upcycled barrels, if you are planning on painting your Rain Barrel, let us know so we can try to obtain one for you that is smooth/has no ridges that may affect your artistic design.

Rain Barrel Netting
Perfect inexpensive solution for the gardener who wants a Rain Barrel but doesn't want one that draws the eye right away from their plants. Comes with clips to hold it around the barrel. Several fast growing vines like the clematis or sweet potato vine that will leaf out in spring & cover the Rain Barrel with beautiful flowers in spring and fall. Color: Black, plastic.
Our Price: \$10 each

TUMBLING COMPOSTER

Upcycled Product - 55 Gallon
The 55 Tumbling Gallon Composter is about 4 ft tall and only requires a 3 ft by 4 ft area. You can put it in a smaller area for storage, but you'll need that much space free from obstacles to spin the barrel & properly aerate the compost. Using a rocking motion to build momentum, this composter is relatively easy to turn and the tumbling action will rapidly reduce the content of the barrel to less than half its starting volume.
Tumbling Composter Features and Benefits:

- Holds an impressive 73 cubic feet of material! This is approximately 55 gallons
- 5 year manufacturer's warranty on the materials and workmanship
- Assembled dimensions: 36" wide by 36" deep by 46" tall, weight: 45 lbs
- Low maintenance, nothing to clog up, pest proof, fully enclosed, off-the-ground compost bin
- Avoids odor problems by controlling moisture and aeration in excessively dry or rainy areas
- Compost Tumbler can easily be moved around the yard
- Easy mixing and turning of the compost materials
- Provides insulation to aid heating of compost; in the Midwest we can completely compost the product in the Tumbling Composter in about 4 weeks
- Our Price: \$120.00 each



Tumbling Composter, Top View





ORDER FORM

Call for Assistance in Filling Out this Form, or to receive a LARGER version ~ 574-291-7444. EXT 3

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CK# _____ Date _____ By _____								

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Telephone
Order # 2012-

Terms and Conditions

- Orders of 500 or more trees per species are eligible for a discount. Call for pricing information.
- Orders must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2012**.
- Orders will be filled on first come first served basis.
- Trees are available to anyone and may be planted without restriction.
- We reserve the right to make alterations if necessary.
- We DO NOT furnish replacements.
- Sizes may vary due to weather conditions beyond our control.

Make your Check payable to: St. Joseph County SWCD
 2042 E. Ireland Rd.
 South Bend, IN 46614
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!
 Call 574/291-7444, X3
 Questions?

Order Confirmations/Receipts will be mailed in late-March 2012



Photo: Volunteers, Board Members, NRCS Staff & SWCD Staff preparing tree orders for pick-up in April 2011



**ST JOSEPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2042 E IRELAND RD
SOUTH BEND IN 46614**

**NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE PAID
SOUTH BEND IN
PERMIT NO. 225**

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St. Joseph County Soil And Water Conservation District

Supervisors:

John Dooms, Chair
Paul Williams, III, Vice-Chair
Jim LaFree, Member
John Kulwicki, Member
Carole Riewe, Member

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Jeremy Cooper
Dave Craft
Jan Ivkovich
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Charles Lehman
Joe Long
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Richard Schmidt
Arlene Schuchman
Stacey Silvers
Dale Stoner
Dave Vandewalle
Dru Wrasse

Honorary Members:

Bernard Byrd
Al Gostola
Jerry Knepp
Keith Lineback
William Millar

SAVE THE DATE

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, January 20, 2012

**Tickets for the Family-Style Polish Dinner are
available for \$12.50 each from any St. Joseph
County SWCD Board Member
or at the SWCD Office**

Call 574-291-7444 ext. 3 for more info

*THE EVENING WILL ALSO
FEATURE:*

**Public Election of one
SWCD Supervisor**

Conservation Awards

The 2011 Year in Review

**& Motivational
Speaker,
Brett Eastburn of No
Boundaries, Inc.**



Did you know...
Brett Eastburn is a native of North Liberty? His first book, *I'm Not Missing Anything!*, was just released on Dec. 5, 2011.

Office Staff:

Debbie Knepp, NRCS
Amanda Kautz, NRCS
Rick Glassman, SWCD
Andrew Fox, SWCD
Lisa Wynn, SWCD

Farm Service Agency Staff:

Allen Ellison, District Director

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.