



News from the Director: Spring Ping-Pong

Are you ready for Spring? Weather seems to be exactly that, like the game, back and forth between Spring and Winter with a volley of storms mixed with the big three. The warm paddle of sun gives us a glimpse, a net of spring rains tempts to wake our landscape and BAM...take this nice breezy ice slap in the face. Winter 3 / Spring 0.

For some this is just life and we go on with our daily routines, but for wildlife these types of events are hard on plant and animal species coming out of dormancy or hibernation and following migration instincts. Food is scarce, winds combined with wetness and the icy plunge can send young-of-year and creatures that woke up too soon or tried to get a head start on their journeys ending up in poor conditions with little reserves to combat the elements. To help with this and be kind to those we share the planet with, consider being a land steward and give back to nature, when possible, to include creating or restoring habitat, food and cover. Call us to find out more and we'll share the available resources to help guide your ideas. This may be a backyard, field edge, stream corridor, shoreline, woodlot or entire field. ([Read more](#))

Did You Know??.....

The Wisconsin Well Testing Access Program (WellTAP) provides no-cost testing to private well users for whom a burden prevents them from testing their wells for Wisconsin's most common groundwater contaminants. *WellTAP is provided to well users through coordination with the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene (WSLH), the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and local and tribal health departments (LTHDs).

Wisconsin WellTAP

2025 Support and Cost-Share Available

The Manitowoc County SWCD is excited to announce the availability of program and cost-share opportunities for producers and landowners in 2025. We encourage everyone to review the flier for detailed information on available programs and rates. If you have questions or need more guidance, please don't hesitate to call our office and speak with a resource conservationist. 920-683-4183

With new and increased cost-share rates this year, we anticipate high demand for funds, particularly for practices like cover crops, which were quickly allocated last year. To ensure you secure the necessary support, we urge producers to reach out early and prepare a plan outlining the specific fields where you intend to plant cover crops. Taking proactive steps will help you make the most of these valuable opportunities and enhance your farming practices in the coming year.



2025 CONSERVATION PRACTICE FUNDING

Manitowoc
County

HARVESTABLE BUFFERS

\$225/ACRE/YEAR

A **Harvestable Buffer** is great option for farmers who are looking to protect surface water while keeping low lands in production. Cool-season grasses provide filtration and forage benefits. Plus, the program is a way to make a little extra revenue.

INTERSEEDING COVER CROPS INTO CORN SILAGE

\$100/ACRE

IMPROVE SOIL STABILITY, GAIN PLANT
DIVERSITY, & SAVE TIME IN FALL

Cover Crops: A wet fall and shorter growing season can make it difficult to plant cover crops after corn silage harvest in our area, leaving fields bare and vulnerable to soil erosion. Interseeding cover crops into corn silage is one way to ensure a cover crop has time to establish and increase soil stability. In this practice corn is planted first and the cover crop is planted at the V3-V7 corn stage, typically 2-4 weeks after planting corn.

Have a Resource Concern?

Here are eligible practices that we frequently cost-share on.

- Writing a Nutrient Management Plan \$40/acre
- Cover Crops \$35 *Single Species*, \$60 *Single Species that overwinters*, \$75 *multispecies*

- Grassed Waterways
- Well Abandonment
- Manure (Waste) Storage
- Manure (Waste) Storage Closure
- Barnyard Runoff
- Water and Sediment Control Basin (WASCOB)

STRUCTURAL PRACTICES
ARE TYPICALLY
COST-SHARED AT 70%

CONTACT THE MANITOWOC COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
TO SIGN UP: 920-683-4183

SOIL & WATER
RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT
COST SHARE





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CREP

(CONSERVATION RESERVE
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM)



ONE-TIME SIGNING INCENTIVE
PAYMENT (SIP) FOR INSTALLING
PRACTICES, AND A RENTAL AMOUNT
(PER YEAR) THAT DEPENDS ON THE
SOIL TYPE/LOCATION. 15 YR.
AGREEMENT

By enrolling in CREP, farmers re-establish valuable land cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, reduce loss of wildlife habitat, and address other objectives identified in the CREP agreement. While enrolled in CREP, farmers receive an annual rental payment for the contract period and may be eligible for additional incentives.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM



TAX CREDIT

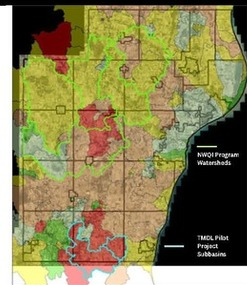
IN EXCHANGE FOR FARMING THE
LAND AND MEETING
CONSERVATION STANDARDS,
LANDOWNERS CAN RECEIVE AN
ANNUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT OF
\$10.00/AC

Agriculture is vital to Wisconsin's economy and cultural identity. Our state is home to over 68,000 farms across 14.4 million acres of land. The Farmland Preservation Program provides land use tools to help ensure that this land remains available and viable for current and future generations of farmers. The program also protects soil and water because landowners must meet state conservation standards.

NWQI & TMDL PRIORITY AREAS

DO YOU FARM IN A GREEN OR BLUE OUTLINED WATERSHED?

These watersheds are located in National Water Quality Incentive Program (NWQI) and Northeast Lakeshore Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) priority areas. You may be eligible for additional and expedited cost share to install various cropland practices. Speak with a Resource Conservationist for more details!



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CountySoilandWater](https://www.facebook.com/ManitowocCountySoilandWater)

COVER CROP INTERSEEDING COST-SHARE

June/early July and late season interseeding is eligible!



\$100/ACRE



CALL NOW! 920-683-4183

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNER



We are excited to share an inspiring new video, "Our Story-The Between the Lakes Demonstration Farm Network." This video highlights the incredible work and collaboration happening right here in Manitowoc County showcasing the dedication and innovative practices of our local farmers. As a proud sponsor and partner of the demonstration farm network, we invite you to watch the video and see how our collective efforts are driving sustainable farming practices and making a real impact. Pay special attention to Libertyland Farm, Inc. to see what's happening locally!

[**View video here**](#)

OUTREACH UPDATE



Well Water Screening:

SWCD screened 190 well water samples for Nitrate in March during Groundwater Awareness Week, March 10-14. 87% of samples screened were within the EPA's drinking water standard while 13% were above the 10 mg/l action limit. Another community nitrate screening is planned for August at the Manitowoc County Fair. Results of these screenings will be released in Fall.



Nutrient Management Farmer Education: Seven local farmers learned how to write their own nutrient management plans at SWCD's annual Nutrient Management Farmer Education Class in February.

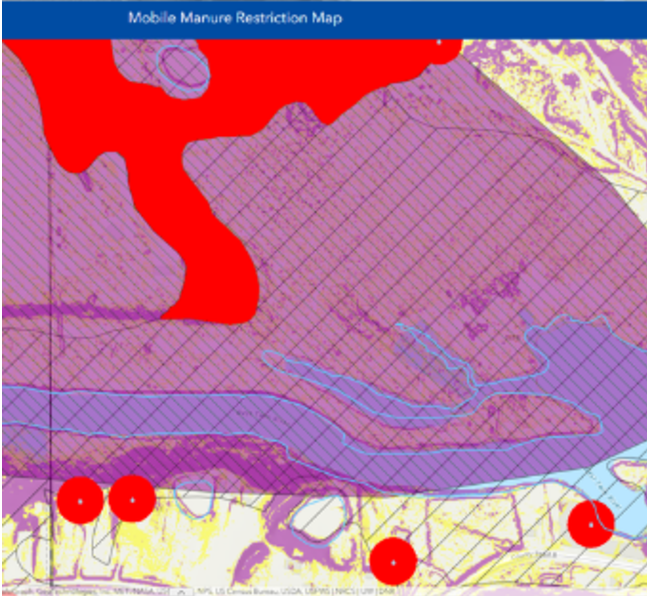
A farm nutrient management plan is one of the best strategies farmers use to maximize their economic returns from on- and off-farm fertilizer resources in a manner that optimizes soil conservation and protects the quality of nearby water resources.



Farmer-to-Farmer Learning: In collaboration with Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative, a producer-led group in Manitowoc County working to build healthy soil and clean water, SWCD participated in two farmer-to-farmer "Lunch & Learns." During these working lunches, farmers led conversations centered around growing cover crops and building organic matter to improve soil health on their farms.



Manure Applicator & Certified Crop Advisor Meeting



This February, thirty local Certified Crop Advisors, Custom Manure Applicators, UW Extension, and SWCD staff came together to collaborate and prepare for the upcoming growing season. Attendees also provided valuable feedback about the county's new live restrictions map, Northeast Lakeshore TMDL implementation, and Silurian Bedrock Standard which takes effect soon.

EARTH DAY IS EVERYDAY



Residents of Felician Village remembered farming years ago and learned about new sustainable farming methods and equip used today as part of an Earth Day celebration.





Manitowoc SWCD has a new text service! Get field day, workshop, and cost-share availability updates & easily communicate with a Resource Conservationist.

👍 How do I sign up?????????

Text
"JOINSWCD" to
(920) 274-8885

UPCOMING EVENTS



EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) FIELD DAY

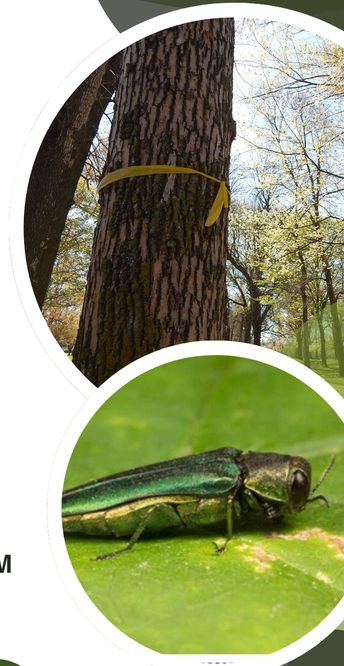
Join us for an evening with expert professionals as we dive into learning about the continuing issue of EAB in Wisconsin! Discover the latest updates on the status of EAB in Wisconsin, and different management and reforestation strategies to address this issue. A hands-on, guided field tour will follow after presentations, where these important topics will be put into action.

Wednesday, April 16th from 4:00-7:00PM
Woodland Dunes Nature Center,
Two Rivers, WI

**REGISTER AT EVENTBRITE OR ON THE
LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCE
PARTNERSHIP FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE!**



<https://bit.ly/LISMAEABfieldday>



Click on photo to register

* SPRING PASTURE WALK *



THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH
JOIN US FOR TWO FARM TOURS
AND HOMEMADE PIZZA!



HOST FARMS

Todd VanGroll

11622 Zander Rd, Maribel, WI 54227

Todd has a four seasons beef grazing operation. We will be looking at how bale grazing went for him this past season and what he's doing this spring.

Steven Beachy

5119 W County Rd BB, Denmark, WI 54208



The Beachy family operates a grazing dairy farm. We will take a look at their milking herd and the cover crops they graze.

The Beachy family also makes their own cheese! They will be providing us with homemade pizza with their products after the tour.






SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 24th, 2025

-  **4:00 pm** - Pasture walk at VanGroll Farm
-  **5:00 pm** - Pasture walk at Beachy Farm
-  **6:00 pm** - Homemade pizza dinner at Beachy Farm

Kelsey Wallisch

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-  glacierlandrcd.org/upcoming-events



[Register Here](#)



Earth Day
Every Day

Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2025



Many common items like automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides, and home improvement products are hazardous when used, stored, or disposed of improperly. Look for items that contain the following on their labels: **Danger, Warning, Caution, Poison, Combustible, Flammable, Corrosive, and Toxic.**

Thanks to our participants and volunteers, since our collection started in 1985, we have collected 1,220,828 pounds of unwanted chemicals.



FREE!
For Households
and Farms

SAVINGS!
For Businesses

MANITOWOC COUNTY

Residents

- Saturday, **May 17**, 9am - Noon
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc

Farms and Businesses

- Friday, **May 16**, 2pm - 4pm
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc
Must register by May 9

REDUCTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!

Before you buy:

- Read the labels
- Choose safer alternatives
- Buy the smallest amount needed for the job

After you buy:

- Follow directions for safe use
- Store properly in the original container
- Share what you can't use
- Dispose of leftovers properly

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Pesticides

- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Other poisonous repellents and banned chemicals (DDT)

Paints/Solvents

- Varnishes and Shellacs
- Turpentine and Thinners
- Lead Based Paints
- Oil Based Paints
- Aerosols
- Wood Preservatives

Cleaners/Cleaners

- Oven Cleaners
- Spot Removers
- Polishes

Other Materials

- Used Oil and Filters
- Contaminated Oil
- Hydraulic Oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Bulk Mercury, Mercury Devices and Compounds
- Acids/Bases
- Mothballs
- Pool Chemicals
- Photographic Chemicals
- Wood Coating, Stripping and Preservative Chemicals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

• LATEX PAINT*

- Explosives such as ammunition
- Radioactive materials such as smoke detectors
- Compressed gas tanks and high pressure cylinders such as fire extinguishers and propane tanks
- Unknown chemicals
- Tires
- Infectious and biological waste including sharps and needles
- Light bulbs
- Computer components and TVs
- Batteries
- Appliances
- Freon gases
- Pharmaceuticals

Other disposal or recycling options exist for many unacceptable items.

Contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 683-4333 or visit

Recycling.manitowoccountywisc.gov

**All residents are encouraged to dispose of latex paint in their regular trash. Just take the lid off and let it dry or add paint hardener or cat litter. Once hardened, latex paint can be disposed of in the trash.*



Manitowoc County may modify guidelines at any time to meet the needs of the program.



Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2025



HOUSEHOLD GUIDELINES

- Household participants may dispose of acceptable hazardous waste items at no cost on May 17 between 9am and noon.
- Participants must be residents of Manitowoc County.
- Wastes must be brought in the original containers. Keep materials separate. Do NOT mix chemicals.
- Unknown substances and commercial waste will not be accepted.
- To prepare materials for transport, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag, place them in the box and separate with cardboard.
- When arriving at the Clean Sweep disposal site, slow down and follow traffic directions.
- If unable to attend, then ask a neighbor to take your materials for you.
- Practice reduction by switching to safer alternatives or purchasing smaller amounts.

FARM GUIDELINES

- Farms and agricultural businesses must pre-register by May 9. Call 683-4333 for instructions.
- Farmers and rural property owners from Manitowoc County may bring chemicals from active and abandoned farms for disposal at no cost on May 16 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Many types of agricultural operations are eligible for disposal service including: livestock, grain, holiday trees, poultry, fruit, vegetable and aquaculture.
- Non-agriculture operations that bring in farm chemicals should register as a business and may be eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.
- Drums that have contained, or still contain agricultural chemicals will be accepted.

BUSINESS GUIDELINES

- Businesses must pre-register by May 9. Call 683-4333 for instructions. Late registrants may not be eligible for reduced disposal rates.
- Once registered, businesses will be scheduled a time to arrive on May 16 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Businesses must qualify as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) through self-certification to dispose of their waste. VSQGs produce less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month and store less than 2,205 pounds. Other limits may apply.
- Businesses can be retail, wholesale, manufacturing, commercial real estate, non-profit, schools, churches, golf courses and restaurants.
- Acceptable items include all those previously listed and chemicals associated with:
 - ◊ Business site and grounds maintenance such as pesticides, cleaners, disinfectants and vehicle chemicals.
 - ◊ Manufacturing and process chemicals such as oxidizers, acids, caustics, technical grade chemicals, laboratory reagents, polymers, reactive metals, mercury-based products, etc.
 - ◊ All sludges (weight scale pits, sump pits) are eligible for Clean Sweep. Agrichemical sludge (pesticide containing sludge from mixing and loading operations) is eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.

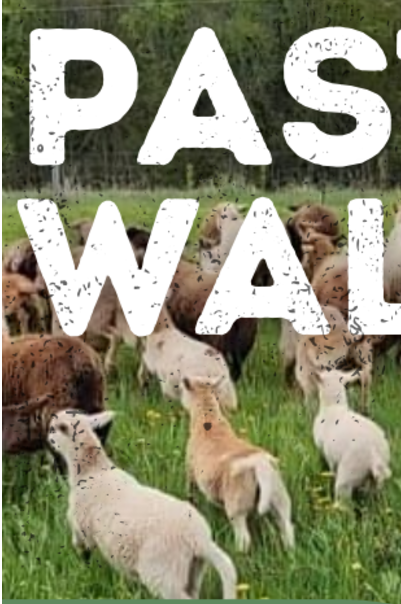
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Program Sponsors: Manitowoc County Solid Waste Dept., Sheboygan County Planning and Resources Dept., Fond du Lac County Land and Water Conservation Department, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waste Management Inc., Ascend Services Inc., and Manitowoc County UW Extension.

[English flyer for print](#)

[Spanish flyer for print](#)

PASTURE WALK



SULLIVAN FAMILY FARM

JUNE 24TH, 2025

12:00 - 2:00PM

More information to come soon!



SAVE THE DATE



**Contact us if you need resources for
your sprintime needs!**



TREE PLANTERS AVAILABLE FOR RENT



920-683-4183

POLLINATOR HABITAT SEED KITS

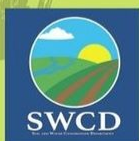
\$16 PER KIT (COVERS 1,000 SQ. FT.)



IF YOU PLANT IT, THEY WILL COME!

Attract Birds, Butterflies, Bees, & Wildlife

**AVAILABLE AT THE
MANITOWOC COUNTY SOIL
& WATER CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT**



**MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30AM-4:30PM**

**4319 Expo Drive,
Manitowoc**

920-683-4183



**SUITABLE FOR FULL
SUN LOCATIONS**

NRCS Approved WI Native
Pollinator Mix Includes:

Mondarda fistulosa (**Bergamot**), *Rudbeckia hirta* (**Black-Eyed Susan**), *Asclepias tuberosa* (**Butterfly Milkweed**), *Astragalus canadensis* (**Canada Milkvech**), *Asclepias syriaca* (**Common Milkweed**), *Veronicastrum virginicum* (**Culver's Root**), *Oenothera biennis* (**Evening Primrose**), *Ratibida pinnata* (**Yellow Coneflower**), *Penstemon digitalis* (**Foxglove Beardtongue**), *Agastache foeniculum* (**Giant Hyssop**), *Symphotrichum laeve* (**Smooth Blue Aster**), *Verbena stricta* (**Hoary Vervain**), *Coreopsis lanceolata* (**Lance-Leaf Coreopsis**), *Pycnanthemum virginicum* (**Mountain Mint**), *Symphotrichum novae-angliae* (**New England Aster**), *Heliopsis helianthoides* (**Ox-eye Sunflower**), *Chamaecrista fasciculata* (**Partridge Pea**), *Dalea candida* (**White Prairie Clover**), *Potentilla arguta* (**Prairie Cinquefoil**), *Echinacea purpurea* (**Purple Coneflower**), *Dalea purpurea* (**Purple Prairie Clover**), *Penstemon grandiflorus* (**Large Beardtongue**), *Schizachyrium scoparium* (**Little Bluestem**), *Bouteloua curtipendula* (**Sideoats Grama**)

Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department

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Website: <https://manitowoccountywi.gov/departments/soil-and-water-conservation>

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