



Out and About In The Tygarts Valley Conservation District

We're Going Green!

TVCD now offers an "e-newsletter" for anyone who is interested. If you would prefer to receive an electronic version of our newsletter, our would like to be added to our mailing list, please visit wvca.us/districts/tvcd.cfm or call our district office at 304-457-3026.

Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Independence Day July 4th OFFICE CLOSED
- ⇒ AgEP Cost Share Signups Begin July 18th
- ⇒ TVCD Regular Board Meeting July 25th
- ⇒ Cost Share Signup Deadline July 29th
- ⇒ NRCS Local Work Group Meeting Aug. 4th @ District Office
- ⇒ WV State Fair August 12th through 21st
- ⇒ TVCD Regular Board Meeting August 29th
- ⇒ Cost Share Contracts Approved August 29th
- ⇒ Labor Day September 5th OFFICE CLOSED
- ⇒ TVCD Regular Board Meeting Sept. 26th

Summer 2016

Cost Share Program Signups

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District will be accepting applications for their Agriculture Enhancement Program (AgEP) beginning Monday, July 18, 2016.

The Agricultural Enhancement Program supports West Virginia's agriculture community through implementation of cost-share practices to reduce soil erosion, providing alternative water for livestock and improving the productivity of agriculture lands. Through the program, financial and technical assistance are offered as incentives to implement best management practices.

Cost share money is available for the following programs:

- Heavy Use Area Protection
- Invasive Species Management
 - Lime
- Nutrient Management (Fertilizer)
- Pasture Division Fencing
 - Pollinator Plantings
- Water Developments
- Water Exclusion Fencing
- Woodland Exclusion Fencing

Applications will be available at the district office in Philippi and on the

district's website at:
wvca.us/districts/tvcd.cfm

The program sign-up deadline is Friday, July 29th at 4:00 pm. All applications will be ranked according to criteria set by the WVCA and will be approved based on the availability of funds.

Any applicants who are interested in the lime or nutrient management programs must provide current soil sample results with their application in order to be considered. All applicants must include an aerial farm/tract map with their application as well. They can be picked up from your local FSA/NRCS office.

To be placed on a sign-up mailing list or to receive additional information, please contact the district office at 304-457-3026 or via e-mail at hwoofteer@wvca.us



“We All Need Trees”

The Tygarts Valley CD spent Arbor Day out among the trees at Audra State Park in Barbour County. The field day was hosted with partners from the WV Division of Forestry and WVU Extension Office and featured a wide variety of presentations including tree identification, invasive species identification and control, native woodland insects, and a demonstration on chainsaw safety and felling.

FFA students from Barbour and Tucker Counties were in attendance, in addition to local NRCS employees, district residents, and other members of the public. The day was honored with a memorial tree planting near the picnic pavilions at the close of the event.

The National Association of Conservation District's stewardship theme for 2016 is “We All Need Trees.” The concept of the stewardship program is to educate citizens about the need to care for our resources, including a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely, leaving a rich legacy for future generations.

If you would like to watch a video segment of the chain saw safety and felling demonstration, please visit the district's new YouTube page at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTxUMbGXDrefHgsDJPS3I tg>



Above: Barbour County District Supervisor, Sigrid Teets, stands with the Kwanzan Cherry tree planted at Audra State Park in celebration of the event and Arbor Day.

Left: WVDof employee, Travis Hays, demonstrates proper chainsaw safety techniques to a group of FFA students from Philip Barbour High School.

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District wishes a big thank you to all the employees and affiliates who helped organize and present at the Arbor Day event.

Conservation in the Classroom

TVCD proudly participated in the "Upshur County Ag and Natural Resources in the Classroom" day in May. This annual event teaches elementary schoolchildren in

Upshur County about the importance of natural resources, environmentalism, and agriculture with a variety of presentations and hands on activities. This year's event was held at Washington District and Tennerton Elementary.



Above: TVCD Outreach Coordinator, Joyce Frey, presenting on beekeeping and pollinators.

Left: WVCA District Manager, Hillary Woofert, gives a demonstration on water runoff and pollution.



District Equipment Rental

TVCD offers the following equipment for rental by district cooperators:

- (2) Four ton lime spreaders
- 3 Pt. Hitch Fertilizer Spreader
- Post driver

Effective January 1, 2016 the new pricing of equipment rental is as follows:

- 4 Ton Lime Spreader \$60/day
- 3 Pt. Hitch Fert. Spreader \$30/day
- Post Driver \$75/day



If you would like to reserve our equipment for your personal use, please call 304-457-3026. We recommend calling at least a week in advance of your desired pick-up date. All rental contracts are subject to an advance deposit of one day's rental fee.



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Roller-Crimper for Rent

TVCD now offers a 4-foot roller-crimper for district cooperators to rent. The roller-crimper is a useful tool to be used as an alternative to high intensity tillage of small scale vegetable and grain producers.



This three-point hitch attachment is suited best for a small tractor that is capable of pulling 1200lbs. Contact our office to make arrangements for renting the roller-crimper. The cost to rent is \$30/day.

For more information and a video demonstration about how to use this tool visit
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?=EjcyoalaeAM>

Our Mission:

"To provide for and promote the protection and conservation of West Virginia's soil, land, water, and related resources for the health, safety, and general welfare of the state's citizens."