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# Conservation District E-News

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*District Encompasses:  
Clines Corners, Cedar Grove, East Tijeras, Edgewood, Moriarty, & Stanley*

## Spring Tree Sale Underway

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is now taking orders for their Annual Spring Tree Sale. Native plants will be offered to area landowners at bargain prices!

Staff has chosen a variety of plants that are suitable for our area.

Please find descriptions of the plants available and order form later in our newsletter. Orders will be taken from now until **April 4th**. Stock is available on a first come, first serve basis, so order early for the best selection! Remember, your payment must accompany your order!

Tree pick up days will be scheduled mid-late April. Postcard notifications will be sent to those who order trees, listing pick-up dates, times and location. **No minimum purchase is required.**

For more information, please call the District Office at 832-1111.

Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at the rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year.

Information source:

<http://www.earth911.org>

**HELP US CONSERVE OUR MOST PRECIOUS  
NATURAL RESOURCE!**



*Visit our web site for more information  
on district programs!  
[www.eswcd.org](http://www.eswcd.org)*

### Partnering Agencies

Natural Resources Conservation Service,  
Estancia - 384-2272 Ext. 3

Farm Service Agency, Estancia- 384-2272 Ext. 2

Farm Service Agency, Santa Fe- 988-6253 Ext. 2

Bernalillo County Extension Agent- 243-1386

Torrance County Extension Agent- 246-4743

Santa Fe County Extension Agent- 471-4711

NM State Land Office, Moriarty- 832-6213

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## *The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program*

### **What is it and how can it help our Community?**

The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program was authorized by Congress with the passage of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962. The act expanded opportunities for state and local units of government, local nonprofit organizations, tribes, conservation districts and individuals to improve their communities through this program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The RC&D program is based on a number of concepts that make it exceptionally well suited to local initiatives. These concepts include:

- Recognizing the value of public/private partnerships to make the best uses of limited resources.
- Using grass-roots involvement to make decisions about local issues.
- Bringing USDA agencies together to focus on problems and opportunities.
- Leveraging limited federal dollars with private funds and other resources to accomplish goals.
- Working toward the goal of community sustainability.
- Promoting rural economic development and stability while protecting natural resources.

In New Mexico, there are eight RC&D areas that are governed by individual RC&D Councils. The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District falls under the Hub RC&D area.

The Hub RC&D's mission is to promote the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources to improve the general level of economic activity and to enhance the environment and standard of living in the Hub RC&D area.

For more information regarding RC&D, contact Hub RC&D Coordinator, Maureen Murphy at 761-4418.

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **February 7, 2008**

Torrance County Wildfire Protection Meeting  
10:00 AM  
Torrance County Court House - Estancia

#### **February 7, 2008**

Edgewood SWCD Board Meeting  
6:00 PM  
Edgewood SWCD Office - Moriarty

#### **February 8, 2008**

New Mexico Envirothon Planning Meeting  
10:00 AM  
NM NRCS State Office - Albuquerque

#### **February 21 – 23, 2008**

Xeriscape Conference  
Albuquerque

### **Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program**

The USDA Rural Development offers grants, guaranteed loans, and combined grant/loans to help agricultural producers and small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements in rural areas.

Some examples of Grant Energy Projects awarded across the country include: the installation of a geothermal renewable energy system at a winery and farm, the installation of an energy efficient grain drying bin, and the construction of a 12,000,000 gallon bio-diesel production plant.

Not sure how to apply for these grants? Contact the New Mexico Rural Development Business-Cooperative Service at 761-4953.

2008 SPRING TREE & GRASS ORDER FORM

	Size Available & Cost of Trees	Number Ordered	Total Cost
<b>*LEAF BARING TREES AND SHRUBS* (BR=BAREROOT)</b>			
Imperial Poplar (Populus X. Can. Imperial)	BR 4' @ \$2.50		
Green Ash (Fraxinus Pennsylvanica)	BR 3' @ \$2.50		
Butterfly Bush (Summer Lilac)	BR 3' @ \$2.50		
Honeysuckle (Lonicera Tatarica)	BR 3' @ \$2.50		
Lilac (Syringa Vulgaris)	BR 4' @ \$2.50		
Choke Cherry (Prunus Maackii)	BR 3' @ \$2.50		
Native American Plum (Prunus Americana)	BR 4' @ \$2.50		

**\*NATIVE GRASS\***

Arriba Western Wheat	\$ 6.00 Per Pound		
Blue Grama	\$ 7.50 Per Pound		
Buffalo Grass	\$ 7.00 Per Pound		
Dryland Blend Crested Wheat/Wildrye/Western Wheat	\$ 6.00 Per Pound		
Jose Tall Wheatgrass	\$ 3.00 Per Pound		
Native Lawn Mix (Blue Grama/Buffalo)	\$ 8.00 Per Pound		
Winter Rye	\$ 1.00 Per Pound		
Jose Tall Wheatgrass	\$ 3.00 Per Pound		

**\*WILDFLOWER MIX\***

Rocky Mountain Mix	\$ 2.00 per ounce		
Native Prairie Mix	\$ 2.00 per ounce		

**TOTAL COST OF TREES/GRASS \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**ORDER DEADLINE: APRIL 4, 2008**

**SEND ORDER & PAYMENT TO: EDGEWOOD SWCD, BOX 1050, MORIARTY, NM 87035**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDGEWOOD SWCD 2008 SPRING TREE SALE DESCRIPTIONS

### AMERICAN PLUM (*Prunus Americana*)

Maximum Height 12'. **Low water needs (xeric)**, full to part sun. Very fragrant 1" white flowers open before the leaves emerge. 1" yellow to red fruit ripens in August and can be used for jams or jellies. Will tolerate dry alkaline soils.

### CHOCKECHERRY, AMUR (*Prunus maackii*)

Maximum Height 25-30' Tolerates full sun to part shade, **low to moderate water needs**. A small tree producing fragrant white flowers. Small black fruit ripens late summer and is usually eaten by the birds. An attractive alternate for aspen groves. Prefers well-drained soils.

### COMMON PURPLE LILAC (*Syringa vulgaris*)

Maximum Height 10'. The Common Purple Lilac, is a deciduous shrub which is used as a hedge or as an individual accent plant. It has light purple flowers occurring in clusters amid the dark-green heart-shaped leaves. Very hardy shrub, which can withstand severely cold winters (-35 degrees C).

### HONEYSUCKLE (*Lonicera tatarica L.*)

Maximum Height 10'. Tartarian honeysuckle is a multi-stemmed upright deciduous shrub with fragrant white to red flowers. The abundant berries ripen to an orange to red color and often persist throughout winter. The stems are hollow with stringy tan bark. It can spread rapidly due to the seeds being dispersed by birds and mammals. It has been planted widely as an ornamental and for wildlife food and cover.

### IMPERIAL CAROLINA POPLAR (*Pop. Imperial*)

Maximum Height 70'. Poplar hybrid, maximum growth of six feet per year. May be planted as a hedge, screen, windbreak, or to line a road or drive.

### GREEN ASH (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)

Maximum Height 70' Drought and cold tolerant deciduous tree. Has good alkaline tolerance and grows well in most soils. Has yellow fall foliage. The winged seeds (samaras) are eaten by a number of birds and mammals including wild turkey and rodents. Whitetail and mule deer browse the twigs and foliage.

**TREE & SEED ORDERS WILL BE  
TAKEN UNTIL APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**ORDER EARLY FOR BEST  
SELECTION!**

## EDGEWOOD SWCD COST-SHARE PROGRAM

**Eligible Applicants** for our program is any person addressing a natural resource problem who owns land within the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries.

*Projects within city limits are not eligible.*

**Categories for applications include:** **Urban:** 1 lot – 639 acres - **Farm / Ranch:** Determined by the Farm Service Agency specifications (Schedule F) and **Community:** Senior Citizen Centers, Parks, Schools, Churches etc.

**Payments** will be made on 50% of the actual cost of the project, or maximum of \$3500, whichever is less. Original receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.

**Maximum cost-share amount is  
\$3,500 per year, per landowner.**

**Eligible Practices Include, but not limited to:** Brush Management, Critical Area Planting, Cross Fencing, Diversion, Forest Stand Improvement, Irrigation Pipeline, Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) Conversion, Livestock Pipeline, Water Harvesting and Windbreak Plantings with Drip Irrigation Systems.

**For more information call 832-1111.**

**Do Your Part! Recycle!**



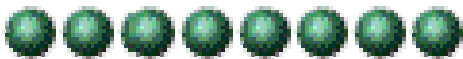
## *Envirothon Comes to New Mexico*

The New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts (NMACD), and the New Mexico Conservation District Employees (NMCDE) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are joining forces to bring North America's largest high school environmental education competition to New Mexico, the Canon Envirothon.

Canon Envirothon's mission is to develop knowledgeable, skilled citizens who are willing and prepared to work toward achieving a natural balance between quality of life and the quality of the environment. It is an outdoor, team-based program, designed to help students better understand their environment through exploration of ecology, natural resource management, and current environmental issues. The Canon Envirothon combines classroom learning with hands-on field experiences focused around five major topics, which are: Soils & Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, and Environmental Issues.

The New Mexico Envirothon will hold a state-wide competition the end of April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. The winning team will then attend the national competition in July 2008 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

For more information please contact Kelly at 832-1111 or 705-5444.



## **LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM AT NEW MEXICO FORESTRY CAMP**

*Todd Haines, Bernalillo District Forester*

A six-day, residential, outdoor workshop for 13 to 17 year-olds will be held this June at the Rancho del Chaparral Camp in the Jemez Mountains near Cuba, New Mexico. This camp is a great way for the youth of New Mexico to learn proper care and

appreciation of the natural and cultural resources in the forests of our state. This camp covers 1,200-acres along the Rio de las Vacas.

Forestry Camp was set in motion by Betty-Jane Curry and Peggy Ohler, who are members of the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District. This resource camp is a outdoor working experience where students can gain first-hand knowledge natural resources.

They contacted the Bureau of Land Management, the New Mexico State Forestry Division, the USDA Forest Service, and other agencies to develop this program around understanding the "how and why" of resource management decisions. The first camp was held in 1990, and continued every year except in 1996 and 2000 because of the extreme fire danger in the Jemez Mountains.

To obtain an application to attend this year's Forestry Camp, contact the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District at 832-1111.

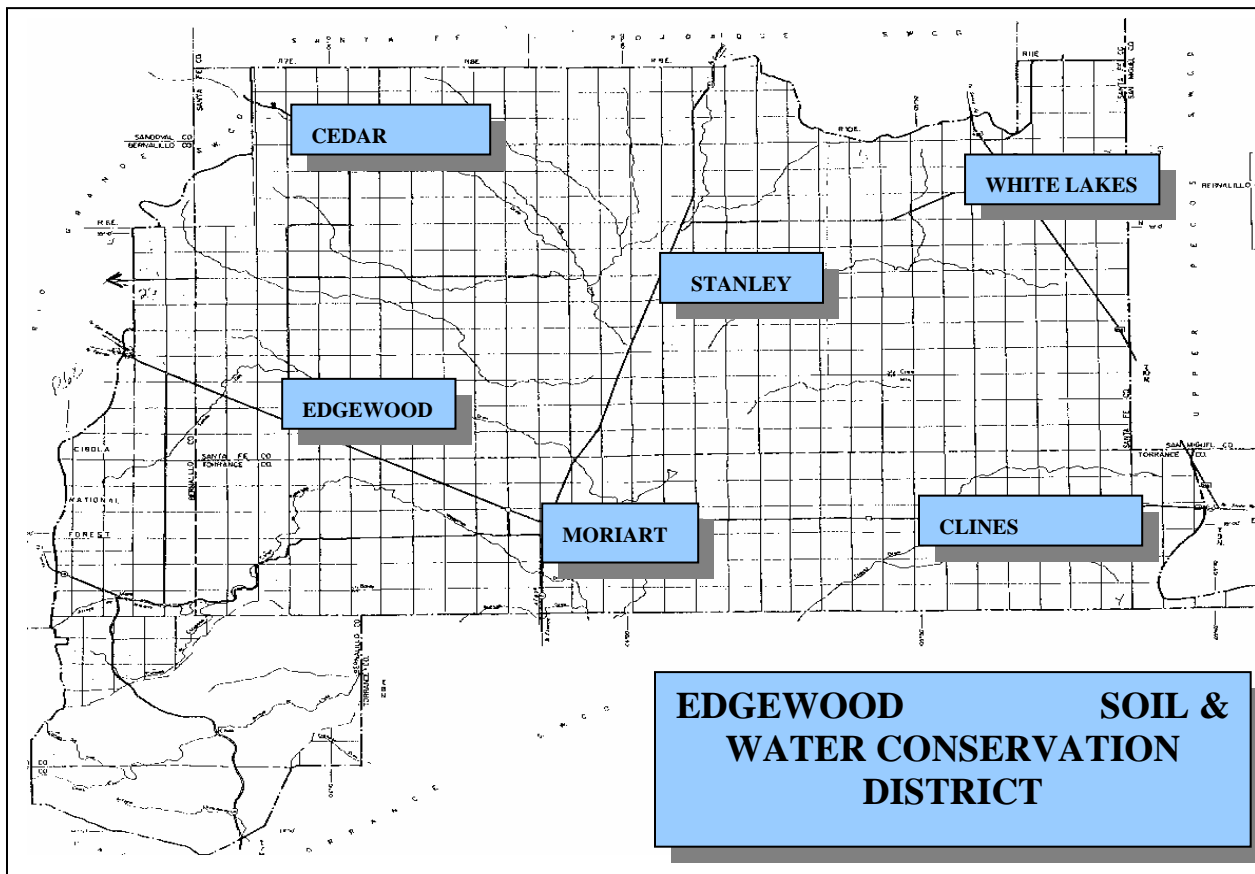
## **District Receives Youth Conservation Corps Grant**

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has just received a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Grant in the amount of \$86,343.20.

Funds from this grant will be used to employ roughly 20 youth this coming summer.

The Youth Conservation Corps is a summer employment program for young men and women age 15 through 18. Since 1970 the Youth Conservation Corps program has operated as a work-earn-learn program for youth interested in natural resources.

More information will be coming soon!



*Edgewood SWCD Vision Statement*

*Natural Resource Conservation for a changing land  
by improving environmental conditions for all  
citizens through education and implementation of  
sound resource management.*