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# Conservation District E-News

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*Serving: Southern Santa Fe, Eastern Bernalillo and Northern Torrance Counties*

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, or until stock is sold out.** 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 April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Postcard notifications will be sent to those who order trees, listing pick-up dates, times and location. **SAVE MONEY---ORDER IN BUNDLES!!!!**

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

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)*

**The use of a Cistern to Collect Rainwater on a  
1,000 square foot roof or pavement can  
collect 420 gallons of water from 1" of rain.**

*Information Source: <http://www.abcwua.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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### Conservation Funding Available for Organic Farms and Ranches

Certified organic producers and those transitioning to organic production in New Mexico are encouraged to apply for conservation funding through the Organic Initiative of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Applications must be submitted by March 12, 2010 to be considered for current-year funding.

The EQIP Organic Initiative provides technical and financial assistance to help growers plan and apply practices to protect soil, water and other natural resources while improving their operations.

"This program helps producers of organic vegetables, grains and livestock compete for conservation program assistance," said NRCS State Conservationist Dennis Alexander.

Those who submit an application and are selected for the program receive assistance with conservation measures, including: Conservation Crop Rotation, Cover Crops, Nutrient Management, Pest Management, Prescribed Grazing, Forage Harvest Management, and a newly added practice, High Tunnels (sometimes referred to as Hoop Houses).

High Tunnels help growers extend the growing season, increase yields, reduce pesticide use, keep vital nutrients in the soil, and provide other benefits. Made of ribs of plastic or metal pipe covered with a layer of plastic sheeting, high tunnels are easy to build, maintain and move. High tunnels are used year-round in parts of the country, providing steady incomes to farmers - a significant advantage to owners of small or limited-resource organic operations.

"With high tunnels, organic growers can expand the availability of healthy, locally grown crops - a win for both producers and consumers," said Alexander.

High tunnels installed through the program can cover as much as 2,178 square feet (five percent of one acre. All practices installed through the EQIP Organic Initiative must meet NRCS standards and specifications. NRCS does not provide program funding for practices already in place.

Individuals selected for funding must meet producer and land eligibility requirements for EQIP. NRCS accepts applications on a continuous basis throughout the year. Applications received by the local NRCS office by March 12, 2010 will be considered for Fiscal Year 2010 funding. To learn more, contact your local NRCS office, located at 715 S. 5th Street or visit the Web at: [http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2010/eqip\\_organic.html](http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2010/eqip_organic.html).

## Supervisor Elections

**Declaration of Candidacy Deadline: March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Declaration of Write-In Deadline: March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Supervisor Elections for the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District will be held on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the District Office from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM for positions 1, 2 & 5, which are currently held by

#1 - Lewis Fisher  
#2 - Mark Anaya  
#5 - Josephine Bassett

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

# EDGEWOOD SWCD - 2010 SPRING TREE ORDER FORM

	Size Available & Cost of Trees	Bundle Ordered	Individual Plant Ordered	Total Cost
<b>* TREES AND SHRUBS* (BR=BAREROOT)</b>				
American Plum (Prunus Americana)	BR 4' Bundle of 10 for \$22.00 or \$3.00 ea			
Austrian Pine (Pinus Nigra Pine)	BR 3' Bundle of 10 for \$22.00 or \$3.00 ea			
Chokecherry (Prunus Virginiana)	BR 4' Bundle of 10 for \$22.00 or \$3.00 ea			
Imperial Poplar (Pop. X Can. Imperial)	BR 4' Bundle of 10 for \$22.00 or \$3.00 ea			
Lilac (Syringa Vulgaris)	BR 3' Bundle of 10 for \$22.00 or \$3.00 ea			
Tatarian Honeysuckle(Lonicera Tatarica)	BR 2' Bundle of 10 for \$22.00 or \$3.00 ea			
Woods Rose (Rosa Woodsii)	BR 3' Bundle of 10 for \$22.00 or \$3.00 ea			

These trees are not containerized, they are bare-root.

**SAVE MONEY THIS YEAR.....BUY IN BUNDLES OF 10!!**

TOTAL COST OF TREES: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER DEADLINE: April 2, 2010**

Pick-Up Dates: April 9 & 10, 2010

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

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

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

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

EDGEWOOD SWCD  
2010 SPRING TREE SALE DESCRIPTIONS

**AMERICAN PLUM** 12'. Low water needs (xeric), full to part sun. Fragrant 1" white flowers open before the leaves emerge. 1" yellow to red fruit ripens in August and can be used for jams/jellies. Dry alkaline soil tolerant.

**AUSTRIAN PINE** Maximum Height 150'. Fast growing, widely planted species in landscaping, along roads, for dense windbreaks or screens. Very adaptable to wind, cold, smog, salt and from heavy clay to sandy soils.

**CHOKECHERRY** Maximum Height 25', White flowers, red to purple fruit good for jelly and syrup. Gives good display of autumn color. Drought and heat tolerant.

**COMMON PURPLE LILAC** Maximum Height 10'. 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** Maximum Height 10' Neat appearing shrub for screens and windbreaks. Dependable and hardy. Pale pink buds open to profusion of white blooms.

**IMPERIAL CAROLINA POPLAR** 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.

**WOODS ROSE** Maximum Height 5' Flowers light pink to deep red. Small leaves. Native in northwestern states.

**TREE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN  
UNTIL APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

Do Your Part!



Recycle!

EDGEWOOD SWCD  
COST-SHARE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION DEADLINE:

4/1/10

**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.**

**Save up to 10 to 20% on heating costs by lowering your furnace thermostat by 3 to 5 degrees (health permitting).**

Information source:

<http://www.socalgas.com/residential/interactivehome>



## *It's Time to Apply!!*

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District is currently accepting applications for Forest Health Projects (forest-stand improvement / thinning / fire-breaks).

These programs will reimburse 75% of costs incurred for these types of projects.

You may download the application at our website ([www.eswcd.org](http://www.eswcd.org)) or call the office for more information.

### Calendar of Events

March 4, 2010  
Board Meeting  
Edgewood SWCD Office  
6:00 PM

March 16, 2010  
Declaration of Candidacy  
for ESWCD Supervisor

April 30, 2010  
Cost-Share Assistance Program  
Deadline

May 4, 2010  
Supervisor Elections  
Edgewood SWCD Office

Open-Ended  
Forest Health Projects Applications  
(Forest Stand Improvement / Thinning / Fire- Breaks)

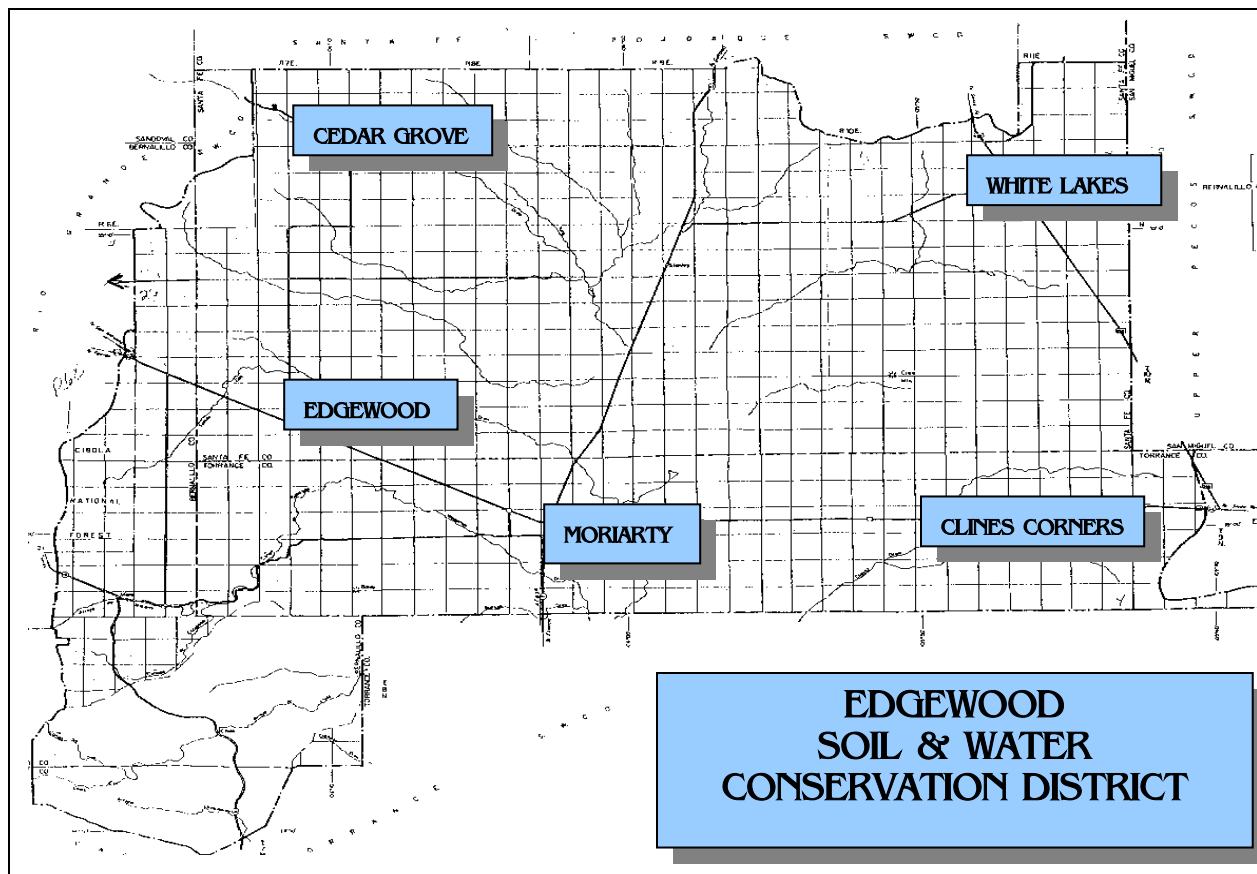
**The Function of a Conservation District**  
To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so they meet the needs of the local land user.

## WATER FACTS

- ☺ Use the automatic dishwasher only for full loads. Every load uses about 15 gallons of water.
- ☺ Repair leaks in faucets and pipes. A slow, steady drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons per day; a faster drip, 100 gallons or more. Many leaks can be repaired with an inexpensive washer.
- ☺ If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing. Remember, a running faucet uses up to 5 gallons of water a minute.
- ☺ Wash only full loads of cloths. Each load uses about 35 gallons of water.

**Information source:**

[www.seo.state.nm.us/water-infoconservation/agua-action](http://www.seo.state.nm.us/water-infoconservation/agua-action)



*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.*