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Conservation District E-News

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Native Grass Seed Available

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is now taking native grass seed orders.

Staff has chosen a variety of native grass seed that are suitable for our area.

Please find descriptions of the seed available and order form later in our newsletter. Orders will be taken from now until October. Remember, your payment must accompany your order!

You may come by the office to purchase your grass seed, but please call first to ensure the office is open.

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*

Attention Landowners:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will now hold office hours in Moriarty at the Edgewood SWCD Office.

District Conservationist, Brad Podoll will be available to visit with any landowner who has questions regarding an existing NRCS contract or for any conservation question.

The Edgewood SWCD looks forward to this new schedule, and hopes many landowners take advantage of this opportunity.

Brad will be available every Thursday from 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM. For more information, call Brad at 384-2272 Ext. 3 or Brenda at 832-1111.

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Conservation Corner

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

By Brad Podoll; District Conservationist

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program which offers farmers and ranchers a tool to install conservation practices to improve animal waste management, irrigation water management, grazing management plans, reduce soil erosion and sediment control, and address other environmental concerns. Eligibility for the program is limited to persons who are engaged in livestock/agricultural production or own private non-industrial forestland. Beginning Farmers/Ranchers and Limited Resource producers may be eligible for higher cost share rates.

Please contact the NRCS Estancia Field Office @ 384-2272 for a complete list of eligible conservation practices and cost share rates. District Conservationist, Brad Podoll will be available to visit with landowners, in Moriarty at the Edgewood SWCD, every Thursday from 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM.

Right - Center Pivot with
Low Energy Precision
Application (LEPA)
Conversion.



Did you know?

If you are within the city limits of Moriarty or Edgewood and considered “outside” of the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries, you can request to be included!

Just send a letter to the District requesting to be annexed in!

For additional information, call the District office at 832-1111.

Calendar of Events

June 3rd & 4th

Weed Mgmt. Training – ESWCD Office

8:00 – 5:00

Call 832-1111 for more information

June 4th

Board Meeting – ESWCD Office

6:00 PM

EDGEWOOD SWCD - 2009 GRASS ORDER FORM

	Size Available & Cost of Seed	Number Ordered	Total Cost
<u>*NATIVE GRASS*</u>			
Arriba Western Wheatgrass	\$ 6.00 Per Pound		
Blue Grama	\$ 8.00 Per Pound		
Buffalo Grass	\$ 8.00 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		
<u>*WILDFLOWER MIX*</u>			
Rocky Mountain Mix	\$ 2.00 per ounce		
Native Prairie Mix	\$ 2.00 per ounce		

TOTAL COST OF SEED \$ _____

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

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **WORK PHONE:** _____

PAID BY: CHECK _____ CASH _____ MO _____

NATIVE GRASS & FLOWER SEEDS AVAILABLE

BLUE GRAMA: A warm season grass, widely used for range, pasture, and occasionally for hay, which grows 6 to 24 inches tall. Highly palatable and nutritious year-round. Often seeded in erosion control mixtures. Also can be used for low maintenance lawns.

BUFFALO GRASS: Buffalo grass is generally low maintenance, with low mowing requirements. Is drought and cold tolerant, and is a good wear-resistant turf. Plant 1/4 to 1/2 inch deep in spring when soil temps are 60+ degrees.

DRYLAND BLEND: A mixture of hardy, drought tolerant grasses adapted to the Northern Great Plains and Intermountain regions. It provides good, palatable spring forage and fair regrowth in the fall. Widely adapted to many soil types and elevations of 3,000 to 10,000 feet. Ideal for areas not receiving regular irrigation. This is a cool season mix, with growth patterns up to 4 feet. Drought grasses used for pasture, reclamation or grazing. Plant August - September

JOSE TALL WHEATGRASS: Will grow 4 to 5 feet tall. Jose Tall has been traditionally used only as a field grass. It is particularly valuable through the winter months as it is not flattened by heavy snow. Jose Tall grows in any soil, including highly alkaline clays, and produces large seeds relished by game and songbirds.

NATIVE LAWN MIX: Mixture of blue grama and buffalo grass, which is used as a low water use lawn.

SIDEOATS GRAMA: A short prairie grass has one of the most attractive flowers of any grass. Its bright purple and orange flowers lend it a special grace and beauty. It is equally appealing in seed, with small oat-like seeds suspended on one side of the stalk. Excellent for dry soils, as well as well-drained loams and clays, reaching two to three feet in height. Very effective when planted with other short prairie grasses and flowers in a meadow landscape.

WESTERN WHEATGRASS: Is an important cool-season, sod-forming grass. It is a major range grass in the northern and central Great Plains, where it is used for pasture, hay, and erosion control. Western wheat grass develops slowly from seed, is drought resistant, and has moderate alkali tolerance. Recommended seeding rate is 9 lbs. to the acre. This grass is disease resistant.

WINTER RYE: These bunch grasses have two basic types; annual and perennial. Each type is planted as a pure strain or used in mixtures depending on the specific lawn use desired. Do not confuse these two kinds as being the same. They are adapted into our lawns mainly for their fast growing ability as a cool season grass.

WILDFLOWER SEEDS AVAILABLE

- NATIVE PRAIRIE MIX
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN MIX
- BLACKEYED SUSAN
- PRAIRIE CONEFLOWER
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN IRIS



**STOP BY THE OFFICE MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM TO PURCHASE!**

Do Your Part! Recycle!



Staff Attend Certification Class

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District staff attended a water-harvesting certification class last month in Kerrville, Texas.

The training session included water concerns, storm-water management, safety concerns, planning, estimating supply and demand, roofing, guttering, storage, use of rainwater, piping, pumping, sanitation, and maintenance.

This 2-day training in rainwater harvesting attendance fulfilled the staff's requirement in obtaining the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA) "Professional Accreditation" designation, if the final exam is passed.

Both Brenda Smythe; District Manager and Kelly Archuleta; District Technician are awaiting their final test results.

The Edgewood SWCD is currently seeking additional funding sources to supplement their current water harvesting programs.



Conservation Quote

*All the water that will ever be
Is right now.*

National Geographic, October 1993

Information Source:

<http://jperret.tripod.com/water.html>

NM High School Student Receives National Award

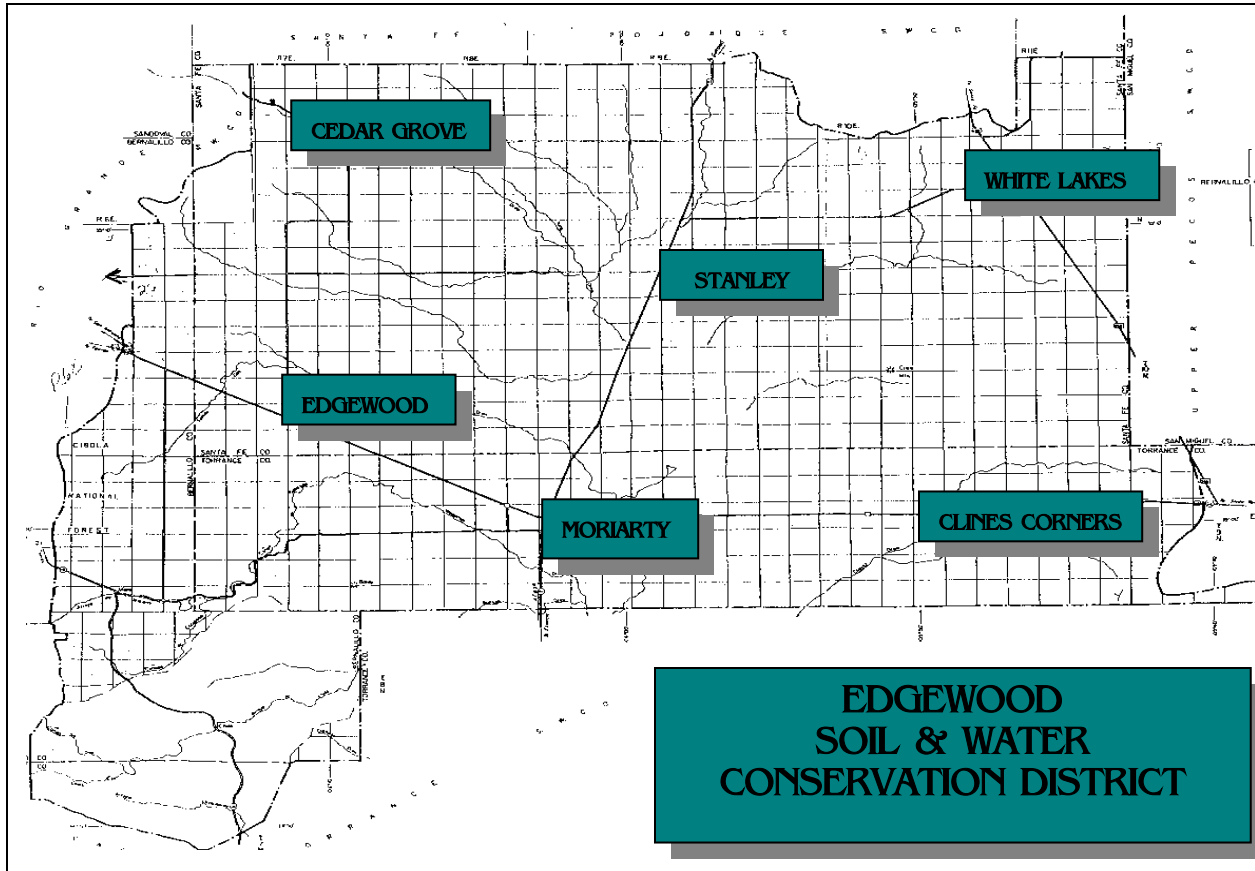
Aaron Smythe; 2009 graduate from Estancia High School, just received the National Organization of Hispanic Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees (NOHNRCSE) scholarship in the amount of \$1000.

This national organization provides scholarships to deserving Hispanic students who will pursue Bachelors degree in a natural resources or a natural resources conservation-related field of study at an accredited four-year institution. Four (4) scholarships were given this year.

With this scholarship, recipients will also attend the 2009 NOHNRCSE annual conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Smythe will attend New Mexico Highlands University this fall, where he will pursue a forestry degree.

**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.



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.*