

EDGEWOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

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Reasons to Collect Rainwater

- ***Saves domestic water resources***
- ***Decreases storm water runoff***
- ***Provides water to areas without water***
- ***Makes an immediate impact on natural resources***

Annual Meeting a Success

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District held their Annual Meeting on August 26, 2011. Over 80 attendees were present.

The meeting began at 5:00 PM with a "Meet & Greet" for landowners and partner agencies, followed by Dinner, the District Annual Report, and partnership awards.

The 2011 Edgewood SWCD Award Recipients were:
Henry Aceves ~ Conservationist of the Year
Dee Tarr ~ Partnership Award
David King ~ Supervisor of the Year
Lisa Dennisson ~ Public Servant of the Year
Josephine Bassett ~ Service Award
Patricia Ayre ~ Service Award

Guest Speaker George Duda, retired NM State Forestry presented to attendees the importance of forest health and wildfire protection.

NRCS Announces EQIP Deadline

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers. EQIP contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

Owners of land in agricultural or forest production or persons who are engaged in livestock, agricultural or forest production on eligible land and that have a natural resource concern on the land may participate in EQIP. The deadline to apply for 2012 financial assistance is December 2, 2011. Interested parties may contact the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Estancia at 505-384-2272, or get sign-up information on the web at www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov. *Natural Resources Conservation Service is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.*

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.***

The use of a Cistern to Collect Rainwater on a 1,000 square foot roof or pavement can collect 600 gallons of water from 1" of rain.

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.

Calendar of Events

10/19/11

Grant Writing
Seminar
Albuquerque, NM

11/3/11

Board Meeting
ESWCD Office
6:00 PM

11/7 & 11/8

Excel Training
Albuquerque, NM

11/18/11

NMCCD
Annual Meeting
ESWCD Office
10:00 AM

Attention Landowners:

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

Soil Conservation Technician, Lisa Dennisson, 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.

Lisa will be available every Thursday from 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM. For more information, call Lisa at 384-2272 Ext. 110 or Brenda at 832-1111.

Missed the Fall Tree Sale? Our deciduous tree sale will begin next spring.

Visit www.eswcd.org to download the order form beginning in March of 2012.



Photo of Lilac – This is the #1 seller during the ESWCD spring tree sale!

New Mexico Districts

New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts are authorized by the State of New Mexico to:

- Control & prevent soil erosion
- Prevent floodwater and sediment damage
- Encourage & develop conservation, beneficial application, & proper disposal of water
- Promote efficient utilization of water for urban & industrial needs, impounded water for recreation, irrigation, & propagation of fish & wildlife
- Conserve and develop the natural resources of the state, provide for flood control, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base, and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of New Mexico

Some of the programs and services of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts:

- Watershed restoration
- Conservation planning assistance
- Conservation education programs
- Conservation technology for irrigation
- Windbreaks & erosion control
- Weed control
- Acequia repair

The New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts are a subdivision of state government to provide support for local efforts in soil and water conservation. Funded by some tax dollars, much of the districts' work are funded by grants and performed by volunteers working behind the scenes.

NMCCD to hold Annual Meeting

The New Mexico Coalition of Conservation Districts (NMCCD) will hold their Annual Meeting on Friday, November 18, 2011 at the Edgewood SWCD Office. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM.

Lunch will be sponsored by the Edgewood, Chaves and Claunch-Pinto Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

To attend, please call 832-1111!

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Terrain Management

The following are terrain management techniques to use with native grass seeding. Re-seeding native grasses alone will often not restore the landscape to health on disturbed soil unless used in conjunction with one or more of the terrain management techniques listed below. For more information on these techniques contact the Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District.

- **Check Dam** - a permeable structure usually made of found materials such as rock or brush, placed in a water-way so that sediment is held back and deposited while the velocity of the storm water is reduced.
- **French Drain** - a hole or trench filled with gravel or rock to direct moisture toward a desired place.
- **Gabion** - a permeable dam similar to a check dam, but rocks are placed in wire cages to prevent the structure from being washed away in storm water.
- **Contour Swale** - a ditch on the contour of a slope with the earth placed on the down-hill side or mulch mound on the contour of a slope in the form of a berm. Storm water is spread out on the swale watering the soil more evenly rather than running off.

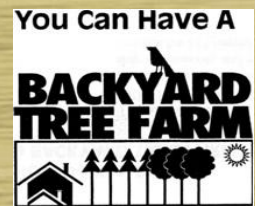
**"Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."**

- Henry Ford

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>



For over 20 years the Backyard Tree Farm has served as a way for New Mexicans to learn how to care for their piece of the forest. We invite you to join us for the following event.

Saturday, November 5th

9:30 - 10:00

Hot cider/coffee/tea/hot chocolate and snacks/socialize

10:00-10:30

George will discuss
"What to do in the winter"

10:30 - 11:30

Meeting and Election

11:30 -

Relax and eat
Tour George's property

This will be held at George Duda's residence in Northeast Heights of Albuquerque

(Directions provided when you register)

Attention Landowners!

Free trainings have been held on drip irrigation systems, native grass reclamation and water harvesting construction in the past. Please let staff know of other trainings you would like to see the District hold. Call Brenda or Kelly at 832-1111 with your suggestions today!

We appreciate our landowners and look forward to many more training sessions that benefit you!

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Conservation (kŏn'sŭr-vā'shən)

1. The act or process of conserving.

2a. Preservation or restoration from loss, damage, or neglect: manuscripts saved from deterioration under the program of library conservation.

2b. The protection, preservation, management, or restoration of wildlife and of natural resources such as forests, soil, and water.

3. The maintenance of a physical quantity, such as energy or mass, during a physical or chemical change.

conservational
con'ser-va'tion-al *adj.*



DO YOUR PART! Recycle



It's Time to Apply!!

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District is currently accepting applications for Forest Health Projects.

This program will reimburse 75% of costs incurred for forest-stand improvement, thinning, and fire break projects.

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

*Serving Southern Santa Fe, Eastern
Bernalillo & Northern Torrance
Counties*

