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Fun Facts

Buzzzzz...

- Ohio has 3,400 beekeepers
- Ohio contains 29,900 bee colonies
- Farmers set honey bee hives near fields so that bees pollinate crops
- As many as 50,000 to 90,000 bees can live together in one colony at the height of the season

Plat Book

Available NOW

An atlas that shows individual township maps of land ownership and acreage for rural areas within Jefferson County.

- Road Index by Number
- Road Index by Name
- Parcel Index by Name

Makes a great GIFT idea for Birthdays, Christmas and Fathers Day.

Orders can be placed on our District website, by mail or by phone.

[Please Join Us]

As an alternative to the traditional Annual Meeting and Banquet, we invite you to gather with old friends and colleagues at a reception and to make new friends and acquaintances.

Reception

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Jeff Co Event Center

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*R.S.V.P by November 3 (no cost to attend)
imoore@jeffersoncountyoh.com or 740-264-9790*

*Hors-d'oeuvres and beverages
(provided by local small restaurants/caterers)
Introductions • Photo Contest voting by attendees •
JSWCD Project Displays • Awards at 6:30 pm*

Masks are Optional

JSWCD Mission Statement

“Promoting Conservation of
Our Lands and Waters”

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JSWCD ASSOCIATE BOARD MEMBERS: Dr. Eric Haenni & Paul Sweeney
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We are online and on Facebook
www.jeffersonswcd.org



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- JSWCD Board Meeting · October 18
- JSWCD Reception · November 9
- Veterans Day (Office Closed) · November 11
- Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed) · November 25
- JSWCD Board Meeting · November 15
- JSWCD Board Meeting · December 20
- Christmas Eve (Office Closed) · December 24
- New Years Eve (Office Closed) · December 31

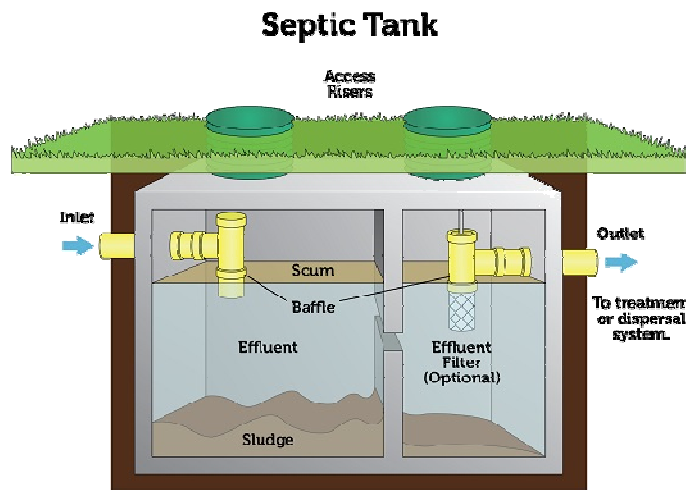
Your SEPTIC SYSTEM Your RESPONSIBILITY



There are 4 easy ways to protect your septic system

1. Inspect your system (every 3 years) and pump your tank as necessary (generally every 3 to 5 years).
2. Use water efficiently.
3. Don't dispose of household hazardous wastes in the sinks or toilets.
4. Care for your leach field.

Avoid driving or parking vehicles on your leach field. Plant only grass over and near your leach field to avoid damage from roots. Keep roof drains, basement sump pump drains and other rainwater or surface water drainage systems away from the leach field. Flooding the leach field with excessive water slows down or stops treatment processes and can cause plumbing fixtures to back up.



Please note: The number of compartments in a septic tank vary by state and region.

For more information on all things septic systems, please visit: <http://www.jeffersonswcd.org/septic-information.html>.

Did you know that as a homeowner you're responsible for maintaining your septic system?

Did you know that maintaining your septic system protects your investment in your home?

Did you know that you should periodically inspect your system and pump out your septic tank?

If properly designed, constructed and maintained your septic system can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater. If your septic system isn't maintained, you might need to replace it, costing you thousands of dollars. A malfunctioning system can contaminate groundwater that might be a source of drinking water. And if you sell your home, your septic must be in good working order.

Keep in mind that a key reason to maintain your septic system is to save money. Failing septic systems are expensive to repair or replace and poor maintenance is often the culprit. Having your septic system inspected is a bargain when you consider the cost of replacing the entire system. Your system will need pumping every 3 to 5 years, depending on how many people live in the house and the size of the system. An unusable septic system or one in disrepair will lower your property's value and could pose a legal problem.

URBAN MISSION Backyard Food Garden Center

Seeking Garden Related Materials

The Urban Mission Backyard Food Garden Center is looking for donated materials for constructing backyard gardens. Some of the items they are accepting are grass clippings, wood chips, garden tools, seeds and soil.

Why and how should you collect you grass clippings and take them to the Urban Mission Backyard Food Center? Sweep or use a leaf

blower to get the clippings back on your lawn in order to collect them. Blowing your grass clippings into the street or onto the sidewalk where they can be washed into the storm drains when it rains can contribute to harmful algal blooms. The grass clippings will decompose in the stream and remove oxygen from the water causing issues for fish, macro invertebrate, etc. Also, leaving grass clippings in the street can be considered a safety hazard,

especially for motorcycle riders, creating a slick surface. Finally, don't toss your clippings over the bank or hillside. More times likely than not, there's a stream located below the bank and the clippings can wash into the stream.

For more information or questions and to schedule a drop-off, contact jhyman@urbanmission.org

Summer Supervisor School

Berlin, Holmes County, was center stage for the 2021 Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts Annual Summer Supervisors School which brought over 250 participants from around the state to learn about conservation initiatives in Northeast, Ohio.

SWCD Board including Area 3 Director Jodee Verhovec, staff and county residents represented Jefferson SWCD by attending informational meetings

and holding discussions with partners and special guests.

Guests also participated in the Auxiliary auction, memorial service and award presentations, as well as toured the properties of various conservation champions in the area such as a sixth-generation dairy

converted their traditional dairy farm into a robot milking facility and learn how these improvements have made their cows more productive.

Other site visits included The Ohio Floor Company which designs residential wood floors as well as NBA basketball courts; forestry/wildlife management properties; observed a recently installed working Center Pivot Irrigation system that uses the latest technology; vineyards; and Pine Tree Barn where a local conservationist began raising and selling Christmas trees.

Districts are looking forward to finding out where next years meeting will be held in the Cardinal state.



**“Tell me and I forget, show me and I remember, involve me and I learn”
Benjamin Franklin**