April 2018

Campaign Preview

OTTAUQUECHEE
NATURAL
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CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

Thanks!

Rainy nights have amphibians like the spotted salamander migrating from wooded areas to vernal pools. Please drive carefully! To learn more about spring migration, HERE

Lakes on defrost
Within 7-10 days after ice disappears, lake surface water begins to warm and the once stratified lake begins to mix. MORE
Phosphorus readings taken at this time are indicative of the amount of
phosphorus available for fueling plant and algae growth in the coming season. Take part in the Lake Ice Out Survey HERE

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How to keep dairies in business?
Buy more dairy products!
How do you know it is local?
Check the stamp under the date.
50 - Vermont
33 - New Hampshire
36 - New York
25 - Massachusetts
23 - Maine

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Ash accounts for 5 percent of VT's forests and, in addition to its commercial value, it's an important tree in urban areas. The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation says a widespread infestation of the emerald ash borer, “could have significant ecological and economic impacts” in Vermont. LINK to learn signs and symptoms. VT Forest Insect and disease HERE. Need HELP? Read MORE

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Emerald Ash Borer in Vermont  Working Woodlands Workshop
Saturday, June 23rd, 2018, 9am - 12pm

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a nonnative invasive forest pest first discovered in the US in 2002. EAB has been confirmed in 4 Vermont towns - Orange, Barre, Groton, and Plainfield. Join state forester Jim Esden and Windsor County forester AJ Follensbee for a 3-hour workshop to learn about the biology and identification of EAB, how to report a suspected infestation, and what EAB means for woodlot management. The workshop will begin with indoor presentations and discussion, and then head outdoors to take a look at the park’s ash trees. All ages welcome!
Vermont Arbor Day Conference
Thursday - May 3, 8:30-3:45
VT College of Fine Arts, Montpelier

- Preparing your Community for emerald ash borer
- Managing Urban & Community Forests
- Planning for Forests & Wildlife
- Trees for Managed Landscapes
- Tree Identification
- Technical Tree Climbing & Rigging
- Learn MORE and register [HERE](https://us2.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=2831209)

The U.S. exports 1/3 of its recycling and 1/2 of that goes to China. [Read](https://us2.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=2831209) how China’s new recycling ban for certain wastes is affecting the U.S. [Read](https://us2.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=2831209) how the U.S. is trying to reverse this.

Invasives Are Coming!
The town of Woodstock Conservation Commission is meeting on April 18 7PM, Town Hall, to discuss current issues and solutions to invasive pests flora, particularly wild parsnip (pictured). Experts will be on hand to answer questions and handouts available.

The River Roadshow was at Flavors of the Valley on Sat, April 8. Shown is Jon Bouton demonstrating river cleaning with EM Ripsaw.
dynamics using the EM River stream table. The stream table is available to schools in Windsor County and also for public events. Interested? Contact us.

Springfield Transfer Station Stormwater Treatment Infrastructure

During the 2018 construction season, the SWCRPC, in partnership with the Ottauquechee Natural Resources Conservation District (ONRCD) and the Town of Springfield, will be implementing various improvements to treat stormwater runoff from the Springfield Transfer Station prior to discharge into the lower Black River. The project will involve installation of a series of sub-surface infiltration chambers, an enhancement of the existing riparian buffer, and the removal of two small storage sheds from the river corridor. This work is funded through a contract between the ONRCD and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources with a local cash match provided by the Town.

Attend a free composting workshop and you can purchase one SoilSaver composter at the discounted price of $35 (additional composters are $50).

Whiting Library, Chester—May 3 6PM
First Congregational Church, Springfield—May 31 6PM
Reading Town Hall—June 14 6PM
Rockingham Free Public Library—June 21 6PM

To sign up, call 674-9235 or email More info HERE

Wildlife and Humans Share the Landscape
Learn what you can do to keep wildlife
River, take me along
In your sunshine, sing me your song
Ever moving, and winding and free;
You rolling old river, you changing old river,
Let's you and me, river, run down to the sea!

Find out what they are HERE

EARTH DAY - APRIL 22
Take the Earth Day QUIZ

I can feel the warmth of
the sun. I hear birdsong.
Nature awakens! It’s
time to sprout!

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