



## FARM DRAINAGE TILE

Sometimes our office gets calls from landowners who have mysterious holes that have developed in their yard or field. There may be only one hole or there may be multiple in a line. People that have filled the holes only to have them reappear in the future have good reason to be concerned about how to address this reoccurring problem. Typically, these holes can be troublesome at times as they reappear after being filled with soil and/or gravel.

The root of the cause for these holes may be underground tile lines. These tile lines can be very old (up to 100 years) or newer. Buried tile lines can serve beneficial purposes. 1. they can lower water levels in the soil profile thus improving crop production and yields. 2. They can serve to be a solution to drain surface ponded water in an area and sending that water to a point downstream, usually a drainage ditch or stream.

Underground tile systems do require maintenance. Neglected tile lines can be the cause of reappearing holes. There are a number of things that can lead to failed or failing tile lines. These may include tree roots, tile that is crushed by farm machinery or construction equipment, and neglect of older lines that really should be repaired or replaced.

There are a couple of ways that easily help to locate existing tile lines. Tile probes are a handy and simple tool to use to help verify a tile line's location. In order to find deeper tile lines, a backhoe or excavator may be required. Once tile lines are located, it will likely be easier to potentially decide upon longer term solutions. If you should have questions regarding tile maintenance or repairs, consult a competent contractor or talk with technical staff at your local Soil & Water office. Be aware that there are some subsurface drain lines (tile) that are under the scrutiny of the Auglaize County Engineer. Contact their office with any questions or concerns.

Be safe and follow the law if you must dig. Contact Ohio Utilities Protection Services at (800)362-2764 before any excavation is undertaken.



### **Election Results**



Congratulations to Lou Brown on re-election to our board for another three year term. Special thanks to Eric Klopferstein for running for board supervisor as well.

**TREE SALES** end March 6, 2026  
see page 3 for order form

**FISH SALES** end April 24, 2026  
see page 5 for order form



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Deadline: Feb 27, 2026**



Our office is offering a \$500 (or more depending on number of applicants) scholarship to any high school senior or student currently enrolled in a college or university for the fall of 2026 who resides in Auglaize County. The applicant should be pursuing a degree in a natural resource or an agricultural related field. Applications can be requested from our office or found on line at [www.auglaizeswcd.org](http://www.auglaizeswcd.org). The completed application and a copy of transcript are due no later than 4:00 pm on Friday February 27th.

### **BECOME A BUSINESS SPONSOR!**

Our office is offering a yearly business sponsor opportunity to anyone who would like to advertise their business. There are 3 ways to place a business ad, proceeds go towards the Open House in August.

Tier 1—\$50 —placemat/sign for open house

Tier 2—\$75—placemat/sign and 2x in our newsletters

Tier 3—\$100—placement/sign and 4x in our newsletters

If you would like to become a business sponsor or have questions please call our office @ 419-738-4016 and ask for Chris or email [cdavis@auglaizecounty.org](mailto:cdavis@auglaizecounty.org) Deadline is February 27, 2026.

### **Thanks to our County Commissioners/Administrator**

Dave Bambauer/John Bergman/Doug Spencer/Erica Preston

The Auglaize SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff would like to THANK the Commissioners/Administrator for their continued support and dedication to conservation in our county; the financial assistance at the county level draws matching funds from the state that enables the District to continue to provide assistance to all County residents.

The Auglaize SWCD Newsletter is a publication to keep county residents informed on our SWCD programs. If your address needs corrected, if you wish to be removed from our mailing list or receive your newsletter via e-mail. Contact [cdavis@auglaizecounty.org](mailto:cdavis@auglaizecounty.org) or call the office at 419-738-4016.

### **2026 Board Meetings—second Wednesday of the month @ 9:30 am**

Jan 14th, Feb 11th, Mar 11th, Apr 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, Aug 12th, Sept 9th, Oct 14th, Nov 4th, Dec 9th

Jan 19th—Holiday—office closed

Feb 16th—Holiday—office closed

Feb 27th—Business sponsor due

Feb 27th —Scholarship Deadline

Mar 6th —Tree order deadline

Mar 8th—Time Change

April 7th & 8th - Tree pickup

April 24th—Fish order deadline

May 5th — Fish pickup 1:30-4:00 pm

May 10th— Mother's Day

May 26th—Holiday—office closed

June 19th—Holiday—office closed

June 21st—Father's Day

July 3rd—Holiday—office closed

Aug 2nd thru 8th — County Fair

August—TBD—Open House Luncheon

# 2026 Tree Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Office Use Only

Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Check / Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Species</b> (10 Seedlings per Packet)	<b>Seedling Size</b>	<b>Number of Packets Ordered</b>	<b>Price/ Packet</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
Bald Cypress	12-18"		\$20.00	
Balsam Fir	8-12"		\$20.00	
Douglas Fir	8-12"		\$20.00	
Norway Spruce	16-24"		\$20.00	
White Pine	10-18"		\$20.00	
Red Maple	12-18"		\$20.00	
Red Oak	12-18"		\$20.00	
Sugar Maple	12-18"		\$20.00	
Swamp White Oak	12-18"		\$20.00	
Sycamore	12-18"		\$20.00	
<b>Wildlife Pack</b> (includes 2 ea listed below)	6-12"		\$19.00	
Swamp White Oak, American Hazel Nut, Ninebark, American Plum, Red Osier Dogwood				
<b>Beauty Pack</b> (includes 2 ea listed below)	12-18"		\$28.00	
Red Bud, Serviceberry, Common Lilac, Flowering Dogwood, Black Chokeberry				
<b>Nut Pack</b> (includes species listed below)	12-18"		\$32.00	
3-Hazelnuts, 2-Northern Pecan, 2-Butternut, 3-Black Walnut				

**Deadline for ordering seedlings is  
March 6th 2026**

**Subtotal \$**

**+TAX @ 7.25%**

**Total Amount Due \$**

Check payable to Auglaize SWCD, 110 Industrial Dr #G, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 must accompany order form.

Pick up dates are April 7th - 1pm to 4:30pm AND April 8th - 7am to 1pm  
Postcards will be sent with location of pickup



## Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program Application

If you are interested in applying for the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program for 2026, sponsored locally by our office, we ask you contact us to start filling out the application by March 2, 2026. We may not know the results of the application for six months. The biggest decision you need to make prior to application is how much money you require to have an ag easement on your property. The program will never pay more than \$2,000 an acre per applicant farm and maximums are based on funding distribution for Auglaize County. Please contact our office if you have an interest in applying or questions about the program.



### COLD WEATHER EXPOSURE

Exposure to cold can lead to serious illness, so it is important to be aware of the temperature and how to protect yourself against it. Cold exposure can occur in weather that is not freezing. Wind, humidity and moisture remove body heat, which can eventually lead to hypothermia. The cold primarily affects the body's extremities. Hand and feet are further away from the body core and have less blood flow. However, individuals can deal with low temperatures much better than high temperatures by just adding clothing.

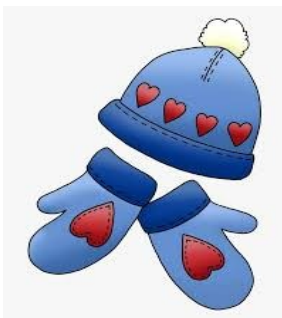
Cold exposure prevention: Wear several layers of loose clothing. Layering provides better insulation. Layers can also be removed if you become too hot. ~ Tight clothing reduces blood circulation. Warm blood needs to be circulated to the extremities. ~ When choosing clothing, be aware that some clothing may restrict movement resulting in a hazardous situation. ~ Boots should be waterproof and insulated. ~ By wearing a hat, you will keep your whole body warmer. It reduces the amount of body heat that escapes from your head. ~ Make sure to protect the ears, face, hands and feet from extremely cold weather. ~ Move into warmer locations periodically. Limit the amount of time outside on extremely cold days. ~ Carry cold weather gear, such as extra socks, gloves, hats, jackets, blankets, change of clothes and thermos of hot liquid. ~ When working, avoid touching cold metal surfaces with bare skin.

#### Cold weather injuries

**Frostnip** is the freezing of the top layers of the skin tissue and is normally reversible. It mostly affects the cheeks, earlobes, fingers and toes. Symptoms include: numbness, top layer of skin feeling hard and rubbery, but deeper tissue is soft, skin becomes white and waxy. How to treat: rewarm the area gently, generally by blowing warm air on affected area or by placing against another warm body part. The area should not be rubbed as it can damage the affected tissue.

**Frostbite** is the actual freezing of the tissue and/or body part. Ice crystals form inside the skin that can destroy the tissues and cause the loss of skin or part of a finger, toe or foot for example. It affects the ears, nose, fingers and toes most often. Superficial frostbite includes all layers of skin, and deep frostbite can include freezing of muscle and/or bone. Symptoms include: skin that is white and has a wooden feel all the way through, numbness, possible anesthesia. How to treat: move the person to a warm area. Put affected body parts in warm water—not hot—until skin becomes flushed. No hotter or additional damage will result. After warming, the injured area should be wrapped in sterile gauze, keeping affected fingers and toes separated. If normal sensations have not returned within 30 minutes, seek medical attention.

**Hypothermia** is the general cooling of the body. When the body drops much below the normal temperature, serious problems can arise. Severe hypothermia can lead to death.



Symptoms of mild hypothermia include: uncontrollable shivering, still able to walk and talk, numbness of hands, unable to complete task with hands. Treatment for mild hypothermia include: encourage physical activity to generate muscle heat, drink hot caffeine free and alcohol free drinks, get the person to a warm area and take off wet clothing, gradually rewarm them by applying hot packs or similar items to the groin, head, neck and sides of chest to help provide a gentle source of heat. Do not put person in warm bath.

Symptoms of severe hypothermia include: shivering stops, poor muscle coordination and unable to walk, pulse and respiration rates decrease, irrational/incoherent behavior.

## 2026 FISH SALE

Please return the order form and payment by Friday April 24, 2026  
Fish pick up (except Tilapia) Tuesday May 5, 2026 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at the SWCD office

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Boxes	Species	Size	Quantity per box	Price Per Box	Total
	Bluegill	2 - 4"	25	\$31.00	\$
	Bluegill	4 - 6"	20	\$48.00	\$
	Hybrid Bluegill	2 - 4"	25	\$31.00	\$
	Hybrid Bluegill	4 - 6"	20	\$48.00	\$
	Redear Shellcracker	2 - 3.5"	25	\$40.00	\$
	Redear Shellcracker	3.5-5.5"	20	\$50.00	\$
	Black Crappie	2 - 4"	25	\$51.00	\$
	Channel Catfish	4 - 6"	25	\$34.00	\$
	Jumbo Yellow Perch	4 - 6"	20	\$54.00	\$
	Jumbo Yellow Perch	6 - 8"	10	\$49.00	\$
	Jumbo Yellow Perch	8 - 10"	5	\$43.00	\$
	Large Mouth Bass	2 - 4"	25	\$50.00	\$
	Large Mouth Bass	4 - 6"	20	\$64.00	\$
	Large Mouth Bass	6 - 8"	10	\$53.00	\$
	Large Mouth Bass	8 - 10"	5	\$54.00	\$
	White Amur	8 - 12"	2	\$41.00	\$
	Black Fathead Minnow	1 - 3"	500	\$50.00	\$
	Tilapia <i>(delivered in June)</i>	5 - 10"	4#	\$84.00	\$
	Pond Sludge Remover	4#		\$63.00	\$
	Pond Sludge Remover	10#		\$168.00	\$
	Pond Sludge Remover	25#		\$349.00	\$
	Pond Bacteria	10#		\$168.00	\$
	Pond Bacteria	25#		\$349.00	\$
				Subtotal	\$
<b>return to:</b>	<b>Auglaize SWCD ~ 110 Industrial Dr #G ~ Wapakoneta, OH 45895</b>			tax @ 7.25%	\$
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

## HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT THE ICONIC GOODYEAR BLIMP ?

Did you know the Akron based Goodyear Blimp “Pilgrim” celebrated 100 years in June 2025? Goodyear began experimenting with vessels that would be lighter than aircraft in the early 1900s and the airships have since become a lasting and iconic symbol of the corporate brand. For some, it evokes nostalgia, while others it offers a glimpse into a larger-than-life part of advertisement history.

In 1910 Goodyear established an Aeronautics Department to build lighter-than-air aircrafts and by 1912 the company had built its first balloon. In 1930 the “Defender” blimp became the first airship in the world to carry a lit neon sign so the company's name could be seen after dark.

Goodyear began making airships for the US Navy in 1917 and its first blimp—the first commercial non-rigid airship flown using helium—launched years later, becoming a marketing tool.

From 1942 to 1944, the company built more than 150 airships for the Navy to serve in WWII, flying patrol over warships on the seas with zero reported loss of ships when a blimp was on watch.

New Year's Day in 1955 the Goodyear blimp had been a regular at major sporting events since flying above the 1955 Rose Bowl. A few years later, it became a service vehicle for television coverage while simultaneously functioning as a highly visible advertising platform.

Since that time, blimps have undergone wholesale changes and improved dramatically; steering technology; safety innovations; high-definition cameras; aerial views captured with specialized systems that compensate for movement during filming, resulting in stable and smooth footage; and much quieter rides thanks to relocated engines and propellers.

There are currently four Goodyear blimps—the three in the US and one in Friedrichshafen, Germany. The blimp is 246 feet long, which would cover about 80% of a football field. It is 58 feet high and holds three Olympic-sized swimming pools worth of helium. Goodyear gets helium for its blimps from multiple sources. Because helium is a finite resource, the company purifies its helium every six to eight weeks to extend its life.

The blimp travels more than 100 days per year, with trips ranging anywhere from 3 days to 3 weeks. A crew of nearly 20 people travel with the airship whenever it is touring. Today's blimps fly between 1,000 and 1,500 feet in the air and travel at speeds up to 73 miles per hour.

There are currently fewer blimp pilots in the world than astronauts, according to Goodyear, which has 10 full-time pilots. To serve in that job, you must have a commercial pilot license followed by approximately 250 hours of training to earn an additional lighter-than-air airship rating from the Federal Aviation Administration.

~The Associated Press



### Lighter side of things . . .

Where do you learn to make banana splits? At sundae school.

Where do polar bears keep their money? In a snow bank.

I pity the calendar . . . Its days are numbered!

Where do you find Friday before Thursday? A dictionary.

I'm on a seafood diet . . . I see food and I eat it!

Why did the photo go to jail? It was framed.



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## COLD WEATHER EXPOSURE

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Treatment for severe hypothermia include: Treat a person with severe hypothermia as a medical emergency. Let the hospital rewarm the victim. If immediate access to medical facilities is not possible, wrap the person warmly and transport to safety gently. Jostling the person may cause cardiac arrest. Remove all wet clothing and place person in a dry sleeping bag or blankets. Once shivering has stopped, the person has lost the ability to generate heat. They need a gently source of heat, like another human being. Apply hot packs to the neck, armpits, side, chest and groin to apply heat. Warm the person's lungs by mouth-to-mouth breathing. The extremities should not be rubbed or manipulated. Hot drinks are also dangerous as they draw warm blood away from vital organs.

Hope this information is helpful—stay safe!

~Article from OSU Extension

## WESTERN LAKE ERIE WATERSHED MANURE GUIDELINES

Manure and fertilizer cannot be applied on frozen ground or ground covered in more than one inch of snow or one half inch of ice. Manure and fertilizer cannot be surface applied when top two inches of soil are saturated from precipitation. Manure cannot be surface applied if forecast for land application area contains greater than 50% chance of precipitation exceeding 0.5 inch for a period of 24 hours at the projected start of manure application. Fertilizer cannot be surface applied if forecast for land application are contains greater than 50% chance of precipitation exceeding 1 inch for a 12-hour period at the projected start of fertilizer application.

## GRAND LAKE WATERSHED MANURE GUIDELINES

Manure cannot be applied between December 15<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> Before December 15<sup>th</sup> and after March 1<sup>st</sup>, manure cannot be applied on frozen ground or ground covered in more than one inch of snow. Before December 15<sup>th</sup> and after March 1<sup>st</sup> it is permissible to apply manure on frozen or snow covered ground only when manure is injected or incorporated within 24 hours of surface application. Manure cannot be surface applied if forecast for land application area contains greater than 50% chance of precipitation exceeding 0.5 inch for a period of 24 hours at the projected start of manure application.



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**Auglaize SWCD Mission:**  
Provide leadership, technical assistance, education and conservation of natural resources in Auglaize County.

**OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 to 4:30 Mon thru Fri**

**Board Meetings** are usually held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30am.  
Please call or check our website to verify date and time.



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