

Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District

**CONSERVATION
DISTRICT BOARD**

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Board Meetings are held the 1st Wed. of the month at 7pm (winter months at 4) at the AuSABLE RIVER CENTER; & open to the public.

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Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month at 12 noon; open to the public.

County Building 500 Lake Street  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989) 275-3163

**HOURS:**  
Monday & Wednesday  
8:30am – 4:30pm

**Annual Conservation Expo**  
(indoor activities regrettably cancelled for 2020)

**Sat., September 26, 2020**

**OUTSIDE 9:00AM – 3:00PM**

**Fall TREE SALE Distribution**

**NATIVE PLANT SALE**

**CONSERVATION INFORMATION**

**The FUNDRAISER RAFFLE will not be held**  
(however, a donation jar will be available to accept support for our programs, projects & services)

**FREE Tree Seedling for all visitors**

*In partnership with:*

**AuSable River Center Museum**  
(NOT open to the public at this time)

**Farm Market**

E-mail: [barb.stauffer@macd.org](mailto:barb.stauffer@macd.org)

[Crawfordroscommoncd.weebly.com](http://Crawfordroscommoncd.weebly.com)  
[Roscommoncounty.net/conservation](http://Roscommoncounty.net/conservation)

## Amateur Photo Contest

This event is also **cancelled** for 2020, to protect our attendees from social distancing requirements inside the building, while voting on the photos.

## Native Plant Sale

Native plants are easy to grow and maintain because they are well adapted to our soils and climate. Plants native to Michigan will thrive in your yard without synthetic fertilizers or pesticides. Thanks to their extensive root systems, native plants, once established, will require less water than non-native plants.

By landscaping with native plants, you will attract butterflies, bees, birds, pollinators and other beneficial organisms to your yard and provide them with the food and habitat they need to thrive.

Plant families that may be available for fall, consist of: Aster, Bellflower, Buttercup, Carrot, Evening Primrose, Figwort, Grass, Iris, Legume, Lily, Milkwood, Mint, Rose & / or Verbena.

These plants will **ONLY** be available at the Conservation Expo, Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> between 10:00am – 3:00pm; or as supply lasts!

## Successful tree planting with plugs

In the Fall, trees are available in three forms.

Conifers (evergreens) are sold in seedling, transplant or plug sizes.

- A *seedling* has been in a seedbed for two years. (White Cedar; Douglas Fir; Red & White Pine; Blue, Norway & White Spruce are available)
- A *transplant* is grown as a seedling, and then transplanted to a larger bed for another year or two to develop thicker and stronger root systems. (Douglas Fir; Blue, Norway & White Spruce are available)
- A *plug* is germinated from seed in 'plugs' of peat moss and other organic material for a year. Since the roots are established in the plug of dirt, they begin to put out new root growth and top growth fairly quickly. They experience much less stress during transplanting on your property as bare root trees do. They are also much easier and faster to plant! (White Cedar; Jack, Red & White Pine; Norway & White Spruce; and Tamarack)

**The fall tree program sales are by pre-ordering only; deadline is Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*All programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, political beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, age, marital/family status or disability. USDA and the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender*

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**2020 FALL Fundraiser ORDER FORM**

**PRE-orders ONLY, due by September 1st.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please carefully PRINT all information.*

| Species             | Size   | per 10 | 25   | 50   | 100   | 250   | 500   | 1000  | Quantity | Cost |
|---------------------|--------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|------|
| <b>CEDAR</b>        |        |        |      |      |       |       |       |       |          |      |
| White               |        | X      | X    | X    | X     | X     | X     | X     |          |      |
| White (P)           | 6" avg |        | \$20 | \$35 | \$55  | \$110 | \$185 | \$310 |          | \$   |
| <b>FIR</b>          |        |        |      |      |       |       |       |       |          |      |
| Douglas             | 10-15" | \$10   | \$20 | \$30 | \$45  | \$90  | \$150 | \$250 |          | \$   |
| Douglas (T)         |        | X      | X    | X    | X     | X     | X     | X     |          |      |
| <b>PINE</b>         |        |        |      |      |       |       |       |       |          |      |
| Jack                | 10-15" | \$10   | \$20 | \$30 | \$45  | \$90  | \$150 | \$250 |          | \$   |
| Jack (P)            | 8" avg |        | \$20 | \$30 | \$50  | \$100 | \$170 | \$280 |          | \$   |
| Red                 | 10-15" | \$10   | \$20 | \$30 | \$45  | \$90  | \$150 | \$250 |          | \$   |
| Red (P)             | 8" avg |        | \$20 | \$30 | \$50  | \$100 | \$170 | \$280 |          | \$   |
| White               | 10-15" | \$10   | \$20 | \$30 | \$45  | \$90  | \$150 | \$250 |          | \$   |
| White (P)           | 8" avg |        | \$20 | \$30 | \$50  | \$100 | \$170 | \$280 |          | \$   |
| <b>SPRUCE</b>       |        |        |      |      |       |       |       |       |          |      |
| Blue                | 10-15" | \$10   | \$20 | \$30 | \$45  | \$90  | \$150 | \$250 |          | \$   |
| Blue (T)            | 12-18" | \$20   | \$40 | \$70 | \$115 | \$230 | \$385 | \$635 |          | \$   |
| Norway              | 10-15" | \$10   | \$20 | \$30 | \$45  | \$90  | \$150 | \$250 |          | \$   |
| Norway (P)          | 8" avg |        | \$20 | \$30 | \$45  | \$90  | \$170 | \$280 |          | \$   |
| Norway (T)          | 12-18" | \$20   | \$40 | \$70 | \$115 | \$230 | \$385 | \$635 |          | \$   |
| White               | 10-15" | \$10   | \$20 | \$30 | \$45  | \$90  | \$150 | \$250 |          | \$   |
| White (P)           | 8" avg |        | \$20 | \$30 | \$45  | \$90  | \$170 | \$280 |          | \$   |
| White (T)           | 12-18" | \$20   | \$40 | \$70 | \$115 | \$230 | \$385 | \$635 |          | \$   |
| <b>TAMARACK (P)</b> | 8" avg |        | \$20 | \$35 | \$55  | \$110 | \$185 | \$310 |          | \$   |

(P) = Plugs **SOLD IN FALL ONLY**      (T) = Transplants

Please make checks payable to C-RCD (sales tax has been included)

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Pay by Credit Card:

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

CCV Number \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRIBUTION at Conservation Expo on Sat., Sept. 26th from 10am - 3pm  
 AuSable River Center -- 211 N Main Street, Roscommon



Forestry Assistance Program Forester, Tabitha O'Dell, is available to provide one-on-one technical assistance and education to private land owners and to communities regarding forest management. Her position within the Otsego and Crawford-Roscommon Conservation Districts is to help Michigan citizens better understand, plan, manage, protect, and utilize their forest resources.

Property visits can be scheduled with Tabitha to have your forest management, forest health, and wildlife habitat questions addressed. This can be done by contacting her at (989)732-4021 or by email at [todell@otsegocountymi.gov](mailto:todell@otsegocountymi.gov).

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## Qualified Forest Program

*Tax Exemption Program for Landowners!*

The Qualified Forest Program (QFP) encourages landowners to actively manage their privately owned forests in exchange for a tax exemption from their local school operating millage.

### Why Enroll Your Property?

- Tax Exemption up to 16 mills on non-homestead properties
- Prevents "uncapping" of a property's taxable value
- Ensure land is sustainably managed
- Public access not required



### Who's Qualified?

- Properties 20-640 acres
- Meet productivity and stocking requirements
- Those who have/want a forest management plan

*Learn more at [Michigan.gov/QFP](http://Michigan.gov/QFP) or contact your conservation district forester*

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## Michigan Tree Farm

*Celebrate your forest and promote sustainable management!*

American Tree Farm was developed to recognize stewardship for the land and a commitment to sustainability. Properties must be between 10-10,000 acres of woodland. The land must also have a forest management plan or a willingness to have one developed. There is no fee to enter into or get out of this program. Benefits include updates on the latest best practices and standards and access to tools and information to keep your forest productive and healthy.



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Visit our website or follow us on Facebook for upcoming Forestry events and workshops!  
[www.crawfordroscommoncd.weebly.com](http://www.crawfordroscommoncd.weebly.com)      [www.facebook.com/CRConservationDistrict/](http://www.facebook.com/CRConservationDistrict/)

# Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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**Items Accepted:** Products marked with **CAUTION, CORROSIVE, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, POISON, REACTIVE, TOXIC &/or WARNING**

Aerosols, antifreeze, auto liquids, cleaners, corrosives, fertilizers, florescent light bulbs, glues, herbicides, medicines/sharps, mercury-containing items, oil-based paints, pesticides, smoke alarms/detectors and solvents.

**Will NOT Accept:** Toner printer cartridges, boat shrink wrap, Latex (water-based) paints, explosives, bombs, fireworks, propane tanks, large appliances, Styrofoam peanuts, building materials of any kind OR empty containers.

**Sat.; Sept. 12, 2020**

**9:00am—1:00pm**

**Roscommon County**

**ROAD COMMISSION**

**820 E West Branch Rd**

**Prudenville MI**

*\*Collections are scheduled for the Saturday following Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends\**

## COLLECTION SITE LAYOUT

|               |            |                                                                                                                  |
|---------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSIDE GARAGE | Station #1 | Ammunition, Cell phones & Ink Jet printer cartridges                                                             |
|               | Station #2 | Batteries (all types)                                                                                            |
|               | Station #3 | Styrofoam (MUST be broken up in small pieces & CLEAN)                                                            |
| OUTSIDE       | Station #4 | CLEAN used Motor Oil                                                                                             |
|               | Station #5 | Electronics: Computers, TVs, printers, cameras, VCR's, small household appliances (clean with no freon), etc.    |
|               | Station #6 | TIRES—up to 4 ft tall and/or 12 inches wide (on or off rims, 2 per household FREE; additional tires \$3.00 each) |
| SEMI TRUCK    | Station #7 | Other acceptable items                                                                                           |

**WE MAY REFUSE ANY ITEM(S) NOT 'AS SPECIFIED'**



**Coordinated by:**

**ROSCOMMON COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
&**

**CRAWFORD-ROSCOMMON CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

AT EACH STATION, STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE FOR A VOLUNTEER TO UNLOAD YOUR ITEM(S).

**Funded by: AuSable, Backus, Denton, Gerrish, Higgins, Lake, Lyon, Markey, Nester, Richfield and Roscommon townships & Roscommon County Commissioners**

*This is a FREE service for ROSCOMMON COUNTY residents/landowners only*

# Roscommon County User Survey

Which township do you live in? (please circle)

AuSable      Backus      Denton      Gerrish      Higgins      Lake  
Lyon      Markey      Nester      Richfield      Roscommon

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of households per vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? (circle all that apply)

- |                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Conservation District Newsletter | Newspaper article         |
| Township newsletter              | TV      Radio             |
| Word of mouth                    | Website(s)                |
| Road Sign                        | Restaurant placemat       |
| Promotional magnet               | Resorter newspaper insert |

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for improvement \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer on this committee and/or help on Household Hazardous Waste collections.

Are you a **NEW** user of the Household Hazardous Waste program?

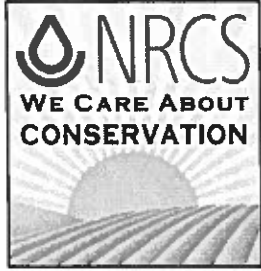
**YES    NO**      If YES, please complete:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your e-mail address will only be used to provide you with our official information.)

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

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



Technical and financial assistance is available through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for landowners wishing to implement conservation practices on their land. Over the past few years covering the Gaylord Service Center (Otsego, Crawford, and Roscommon counties) I have worked with over 200 landowners to help them better manage the natural resources on their property. Some of the projects we've installed throughout the area include:

- Tree Plantings for Reforestation & Wildlife Habitat
- Wildflower Seedings for Pollinator Habitat
- Cover Crops on Cropland for Soil Health
- Hoops Houses for Crop Season Extension
- Forest Management Plans
- On-Farm Energy Audits
- Fencing & Watering Systems for Prescribed Grazing
- Pasture Seedings
- Invasive Species Removal



If you are interested in any of the above practices, please call my office at (989) 732-6526 x3 and schedule a free site visit. Technical assistance is available to all private landowners, however, to be eligible for financial assistance programs you must have control of the land and be engaged in agricultural or forest product production.

## *Plat Books*

*Crawford County (update in progress)*

*Roscommon County*

*\$35.00 each (can be shipped for \$5.00 extra)*

### **MAEAP**

**(Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program)**

It is a **FREE, CONFIDENTIAL PROGRAM** designed to assist all sizes and types of farms in addressing and mitigating any potential environmental risks. The program is intended to be delivered to farmers using a 3-step system:

- ✓ **EDUCATION** This gives farmers a chance to learn about the program and it's benefits before scheduling a farm visit with their technician.
- ✓ **ON-FARM RISK ASSESSMENT** This involves having your local technician out to evaluate your farm's management practices. The farm has the opportunity to go through various assessments unique to their operation, which include—Farmstead, Cropping, Livestock, Greenhouse, Nursery/Christmas tree and Forest, Habitat and wetlands Assessment. The technician will give you options on how to improve any 'high risk' practices highlighted in an Action Plan and can provide technical assistance for implementing certain practices.
- ✓ **VERIFICATION** If the farmer completes the needed improvements highlighted in their Action Plan, the producer can become verified and be able to get a MAEAP sign, along with other incentives for completion.

If you would like more information about the program or to set up a free farm visit, please contact your county

technician: **CRAWFORD:** Jodi DeHate 231-839-7193 **ROSCOMMON:** Hannah Mikazes 989-726-3413

## Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District

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Permit # 26  
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### EVENTS & PROJECTS

*Conservation Expo*

*Amateur Photo Contest*

*Community Garden*

*Household Hazardous Waste collections*

*Spring & Fall Tree fundraisers*

*Crawford & Roscommon Plat Book sales*

“Address Service Requested”

## *Household Hazardous Waste*

This past spring, during the Covid-19 lockdown, nearly 700 households in Roscommon County cleaned out their garages and basements and brought items to this semi-annual event. THANK YOU to the 40 volunteers we had for this project and the townships funding. . .it would not be possible without you! The next event is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 1:00pm at the Roscommon County Road Commission; 820 E West Branch Rd/M-55; Prudenville MI.

Some of the items were: ??? # of electronics, 4,518# of oil-based paints, 800# solvents, 1,952# toxic liquids, 766# pesticides, 764# aerosols, 194# acids/bases, 208# cleaning liquids, 78# small propane cylinders, 59# lamp ballasts, 573# florescent light bulbs, 88# medical sharps, 109# pharmaceuticals, 9# mercury-containing items, 8# oxidizers, 173# fire extinguishers & smoke alarms, 5,298# toxic products. Other items locally collected and properly recycled were batteries, used motor oil, 421 tires, cell phones, ink jet cartridges, ammunition & 30 large commercial bags of Styrofoam.

### COMMENTS MADE ON THE SURVEYS COLLECTED FROM PARTICIPANTS (committee & staff responses):

- Map of stations (They were available in the past and stations are also numbered on the flyer.)
- Flagger on M-55 and get traffic off highway (traffic was much larger than expected, so we weren't prepared)
- Take #5 plastics (plastics are a township recycling item, not HHW)
- Took too long to get through the line (we are always working on trying to improve the set up and never know how many volunteers will be arriving to help on the project; you also only need to get in the line you need)
- Have more events a year & longer hours (this is not possible, due to cost and volunteers)
- Except water-based/latex paint (this can be hardened and put out with regular garbage)
- Do paper shredding (the local libraries sometimes hold these events)
- One drop-off station and volunteers sort the items (this is impossible for a few hour event with volunteers)
- More promotion (we use every media we have available to us and hope that others will spread the word)
- Wish county/townships had more recycling (each township has its own contract; contact them for your input)