

**DARKE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

August 18, 2021

WTGR Community Ties

Main Topics (3):

Fall Soil Sample Collection – September 15

- Great way to understand your soil needs. Did you garden or flower bed not perform as well as it should have or are there areas of your lawn that are lacking?
- Pull a soil sample to better understand what is going on in the soil
- \$15 per sample, no limit
- Borrow a soil probe from our office
- Have results back in early October
- Good idea to get on a 2 or 3 year rotation of pulling soil samples.

Garden Cover Crop Seed – \$3 per pound

- Fall or Winter Mix available
- Great way to close your garden and keep feeding those soil microbes
- Good for weed suppression
- Fall Mix is Oat and Radish, will winter kill. Winter Mix is cereal rye and radish and will need to be rolled, tilled or sprayed in the spring

Visit us at the Great Darke County Fair – August 20-28

- Our Augmented Reality Sandbox will be at the ODNR-Division of Wildlife day on Sunday and outside the youth building on Tuesday through Thursday during the day
- Great way to learn about watersheds, topography and much more
- Visit our booth with the City of Greenville in the Coliseum to learn about stormwater

Quick Mention Items (3):

Manure Applications

- Manure is being applied this time of year and will increase once soybeans start coming off
- If you are applying, remember to follow appropriate setbacks and other recommendations
- Just because we smell it, doesn't mean there is an issue. When used correctly it is a great resource for our soil

FFA Land Judging Contest – September 14

- Our county FFA programs will participate in the land judging contest to prepare for the district competition

Upcoming Home Gardener Workshop – TBD

- Keep an eye out for an upcoming workshop this fall for home gardeners
- Topics covered will be soil health, cover crops, rain barrels and more