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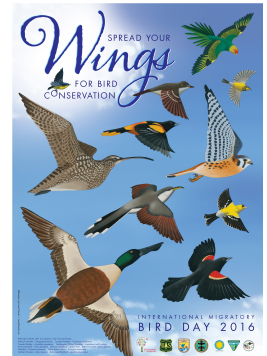
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Fitchburg Arbor Day and Migratory Bird Day Events Set for May 7th



Mark your calendars to celebrate the 144th year of Arbor Day and International Migratory Bird Day on May 7th from 8:30 a.m.-noon at Swan Creek Park, 5175 E. Cheryl Parkway, rain or shine. We hope you can join us for the following activities:

- 8:30-10 a.m. – Birding in Swan Creek Park with David Drake, UW-Extension
- 9:30 a.m. – Bird & Tree City Recognition
- 10 a.m. – Tree planting with Mayor Arnold
- 10:30 a.m. – Meet the Raptors – Hoos Woods
- 11:30 a.m. – Monarch Wayside Installation



For more information, contact [Anna Healy](#), Fitchburg Urban Forester, at 270-4289.

Spring 2016 Electronics Recycling Event May 7th

The **Electronics Recycling Event** will be held on Sat., May 7th from 8-11a.m. at Surplus-IT, 901 Watson Ave. Look for signage from the intersection of Fish Hatchery Road and Greenway Cross heading to the east.



Items Accepted:

Free!: Computers, LCD (Flat panel liquid crystal display) Monitors, Printers, Stereo Equipment, Media (cds, dvds, floppy disks), lead acid and other recyclable batteries, Styrofoam Packing Peanuts

\$0.25/lb Charge: VCR & Cassette Tapes & Alkaline Batteries

\$5 Charge: Microwaves, other Kitchen Electronics

\$15 Charge: All CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) Monitors

\$25 Charge: TVs less than 27", Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners

\$35 Charge: TVs 27" or larger (console TV's may cost more for disposal)

Please contact Lee Shinefield (Surplus-IT) at 209-8000, lee@surplus-IT.com or Holly Powell at 270-4263 or holly.powell@fitchburgwi.gov, with any questions about electronics recycling. Idling Reduction signage will be posted at each event to remind drivers to turn off their engine while waiting more than 10 seconds.

Another option for recycling small electronic devices and batteries is the “E-Cycling Bin” in the Fitchburg City Hall Lobby, 5520 Lacy Road. The “E-Cycling Bin” is accessible 24/7 and accepts rechargeable and alkaline batteries of all sizes, cell phones, empty inkjet/toner print cartridges, eye glasses and hearing aids for recycling.



Information about other options for solid waste reduction, reuse, or recycling may be found in Fitchburg’s 2016 Recycling Guide on Fitchburg’s web page at: www.fitchburgwi.gov/solidwaste. Hard copies are available in the lobby of Fitchburg City Hall.

Madison Compost, Rain Barrel Sale May 7th



This year’s Madison Compost and Rain Barrel sale is set for Saturday, May 7th at the Alliant Energy Center parking lot. Pre-order online before April 18th and save an additional \$10 off your purchase and pay no shipping charges. This event is open to Madison residents and non-residents. Visit www.rainreserve.com/madison to place your pre-order by April 18th.

Thank you Fitchburg Waterway Cleanup Volunteers

The City of Fitchburg and the Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission (RCC) thank the 40 volunteers who collected trash and recyclables at the Swan Creek of Nine Springs Neighborhood, Yarmouth Greenway, and Belmar neighborhood near Dunn’s Marsh. Community members, RCC members and elected officials all helped out at Fitchburg’s Annual Waterway Cleanups this year, removing 53 large garbage bags of refuse and 17 bags of recyclables.



These annual efforts to clean up our waterways help to improve ecosystem health. To participate in future events or host one in your neighborhood, contact Rick Eilertson, Fitchburg’s Environmental Engineer, at Rick.Eilertson@fitchburgwi.gov or 270-4264 for more information. For information on what you can do to protect Fitchburg’s water resources, visit www.fitchburgwi.gov/stormwater.

Results of the Spring 2016 Shred Day and Med Drop Events



Fitchburg’s Spring 2016 Shred Day and MedDrop Events, held on April 23 in the Oak Bank parking lot, yielded approximately 180 large recycling carts of paper for shredding from nearly 400 participants. The total weight received was ~17,620 pounds or 8.8 tons, which represents an equivalent savings of 150 trees. This event was also successful in reducing idling by using special signage to encourage participants to turn off their engine if they anticipated “Waiting > 10 seconds.” Pellitteri Data Destruction staffed the 14th Shred Day Event.

Fitchburg’s Police Department also made their permanent MedDrop Box available at the Fitchburg Police Station, 5520 Lacy Rd., on Saturday, April 23rd, collecting more than 100 gallons of unused medications during the three-hour event. This permanent MedDrop Box is available Monday through Friday, from 7:30am-4:30pm. If there’s interest in making this available on future Saturdays, please let us know.

Please join us in thanking Pellitteri, Oak Bank, Fleming Development Group Fitchburg Public Works and Police staff, and the Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission for making these events available to Fitchburg residents. Please contact Rick Eilertson, Environmental Engineer, at rick.eilertson@fitchburgwi.gov or 270-4264 for information on future events.

Give Your Lawn a Checkup Before You Fertilize

After a long winter under a deep blanket of snow, you may be thinking about spring cleaning and lawn maintenance, including an application of fertilizer to ensure lush, green grass this summer. Before you fertilize, test your soil to see what your lawn needs. If you don't test first, you may be wasting your time and money, and sending excess nutrients to local waterways where they feed algae and damage fish habitat.

If your soil already has the right balance of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, you don't need to fertilize. To figure out your lawn's needs, send a soil sample to be tested. The University of Wisconsin accepts samples for testing at the Soil & Forage Analysis Lab, 2611 Yellowstone Dr., Marshfield, Wis. Visit

<http://uwlabs.soils.wisc.edu/lawn-garden/> for forms and sampling instructions. Any Wisconsin soil can be submitted for analysis at a cost of \$15/sample. A sample is two cups of soil collected in multiple places from the top 4 inches of your lawn. The laboratory will return a report for each sample indicating soil pH, percent organic matter, and phosphorus and potassium analysis. It will also provide recommendations on the addition of lime (for pH) and fertilizer.

SOIL TEST REPORT		LAWN & GARDEN																					
<small>Samples Analyzed By: UW Soil & Plant Analysis Lab 8452 Mineral Point Road Verona, WI 53593 (608) 262-4364</small>	<small>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION University of Wisconsin-Extension University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Soil Science</small>																						
Lab Number: 54321	Date received: 8/1/2007	Account: 555800	Client: Bucky Badger																				
County: Dane	Date processed: 8/10/2007																						
Send to: Bucky Badger	Area Type Lawn/Established	Area Designation Lawn																					
RECOMMENDATIONS																							
Lime to Apply No soil pH adjustment is recommended.																							
Fertilizer to Apply Based on the results of your soil analysis, we recommend the following fertilizer program.																							
Using the following grid, apply the recommended fertilizers using the spreader setting shown on the fertilizer bag.																							
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* Skip the September application if you mulch mow.																							
Cultural and Management Tips Use only fertilizers manufactured specifically for application on turfgrass. <small>Never use any fertilizer accidentally applied to paved surfaces.</small>																							

For more information on how to keep your lawn healthy and our area waters clean year round, visit:

<http://www.myfairlakes.com/yardAndGarden.aspx> or www.renewtherock.com.

Arboretum Native Plant Sale May 7th

The Friends of the Arboretum annual native plant sale takes place the Saturday before Mother's Day from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Arboretum Visitor Center, 1207 Seminole Hwy, offering more than 100 species of native plants suitable for a variety of soil and light conditions.

No plants are dug from the wild. All are native to the area and, once established, require minimal care. During the sale, experts are available to answer questions. The plant sale is open to all. Members of Friends of the Arboretum receive a discount on all plant purchases.

Community Calendar

- [Science, Policy & Water Summit](#), May 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UW-Madison Union South, 1308 Dayton St.



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