



## Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

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## Stormwater Awareness Week Encourages Communities that Clean Streams Start HERE!

10/17/2019 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO- Communities across central Ohio are urging residents to “Be the Change for Clean Water” and take action during Stormwater Awareness Week, October 20-26, 2019. “Stormwater Awareness Week offers central Ohioans an opportunity to learn how they can take small actions to make a big impact on protecting drinking water,” said Jennifer Fish, director of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District. While rainwater is great for lawns and gardens, it can be dangerous for streams and rivers. Franklin County has over 2,940 miles of waterways including our ditches, streams, and rivers. These areas collect water from over 543 square miles of land in Franklin County. Stormwater can push common household items - such as trash, lawn fertilizer or paint - into local waterways, threatening our environment and clean drinking water. During Stormwater Awareness Week, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District urges residents to take one or more of the following actions to help make sure that clean streams start right here in Franklin County:

- Pick up trash in your neighborhood or local park.
- Plant native plants and trees.
- Install a rain garden to collect stormwater runoff.
- Mulch leaves on your grass to help soil conditions.
- Clear debris from storm drains!

Anyone can participate in Stormwater Awareness Week (municipalities, townships, schools, watershed groups, or just you, individually!). The goal of Stormwater Awareness Week is to teach all residents and businesses that any pollution they leave on roadways, sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots, drain directly to our rivers and streams. Simple actions can improve water quality



**Clean Streams  
Start HERE**

and reduce stormwater runoff.

There is so much every one can do for clean water in Franklin County. We would like all communities, news outlets, and volunteer groups to encourage each other during the week of October 20-26, 2019, to take a moment at home or at work, and get involved to make Franklin County and Central Ohio a great place to live, work, and play.

Scheduled community and volunteer group events are listed on our website:  
[www.franklinswcd.org/stormwater-week](http://www.franklinswcd.org/stormwater-week)

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## Imagine a Day Without Water - October 23, 2019

No water to drink, or even to make coffee with. No water to shower, flush the toilet, or do laundry. Hospitals would close, firefighters couldn't put out fires, and farmers couldn't water their crops. Many Americans take water for granted every day. Imagine a Day Without Water 2019 is the fifth annual day to raise awareness and educate American about the value of water. To join the campaign, on October 23, Franklin Soil and Water will be passing out drink coasters to the six local breweries below to help spread the word on the importance of keeping our water clean. Great drinks start with clean water!

- [Brothers Drake Meadery & Bar](#)
  - [High Bank Distillery Co](#)
  - [Parsons North Brewing Company](#)
  - [Platform Beer Co.](#)
  - [Seventh Son Brewery](#)
  - [Wolf's Ridge Brewing](#)
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*The mission of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote responsible land use decisions for the conservation, protection and improvement of soil and water resources by providing information assistance through effective partnering, technical guidance and education.*

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