



22nd ANNUAL “GREENING THE ORANGE”

COST TO YOU AND OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

- The District will set aside a limited number of seedlings from our annual tree & shrub sale.
- Each applicant can choose up to 2 bundles of 10 seedlings each from the enclosed GTO order sheet free of charge
- Fill out the GTO order form and return it to our office- the address is on the order form.
- If you wish to purchase additional items, fill out the regular tree & shrub order form and send your payment in for the additional items on the form. You can download the form from our website: www.ocsoilny.org

Pickup Location:

**Orange County Soil & Water
Conservation District
225 Dolson Avenue,
Suite 103
Middletown, NY 10940**



Pickup Date:

**May 3, 2014 (Saturday)
9:00am – 1:00pm**

- Planting should take place as soon as possible
- We would appreciate you letting us know when you're going to do your planting projects- we would like to see the kids “in action” when possible.
- The District reserves the right to limit the number of projects from any one school since we only have a limited number of seedlings and we want to do as many projects as possible.
- Questions, more information- call our office @ 845-343-1873 or e-mail: chris.hopmayer@ocsoil.org
- **Applications are due by April 21, 2014.**

PLANT A TREE



HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

**ORANGE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S
YOUTH SEEDLING PROGRAM**

WHAT IS “GREENING THE ORANGE?”

- **GTO is the Soil & Water Districts fun, hands-on tree planting program offered to area schools & other interested youth organizations.**
- **Youth are involved in the planning and actual “doing” of a tree planting program.**
- **Opportunities are created to present basic lessons about various conservation issues- soil erosion, water quality, wildlife habitat, and global warming.**
- **Kids learn that they can make a difference in helping the environment.**
- **Returns benefits to their school and community by cleansing air and water, providing food and cover for wildlife, buffering wind & noise and general beautification.**
- **In some instances the youth can watch the seedlings grow over a number of years and can be a part of the maintenance program to take care of the seedlings.**



HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

- **Class or youth group identifies an area for their planting project.**
- **Group may want to work with an outside organization such as local garden club, Kiwanis or town recreation department to find a site.**
- **Planting may also be done on school property.**
- **Possible projects are:**
 - **A wildlife area to provide food & cover for birds & small mammals**
 - **A windbreak or screen to create a living snow fence**
 - **A screen to block out an unsightly view or reduce noise**
 - **A tree nursery to raise “baby” trees to a large enough size to be planted as “landscape specimens”**

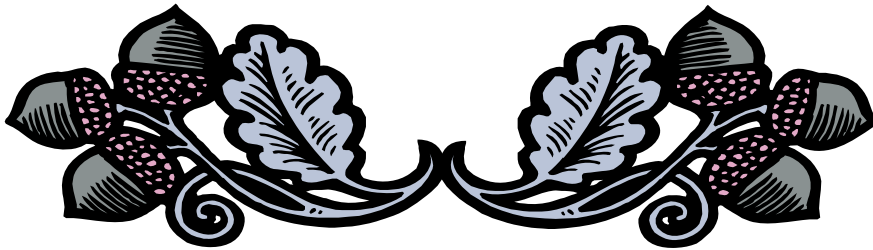


“THINGS TO REMEMBER”

- **These are seedlings- their size can range from 6” to 24” depending on the species.**
 - **It will take several years, and some “tender love and care” before they can take care of themselves.**
 - **Seedlings commonly fall victim to many factors:**
 - **Site factors such as poor soil, shade**
 - **Improper planting**
 - **Animal browsing**
 - **Weed competition**
 - **Evaluate these factors when considering a site. We suggest you read the enclosed Species Descriptions to help you select the seedlings best suited for your planting site.**
 - **Adult assistance may be needed at planting time**
 - **If possible, prepare the site before hand, tilling would be great.**
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- **MAINTENANCE should be a prerequisite for any project.**
 - **For school grounds, consult with the maintenance staff to assist with finding a suitable site and what future care they might be willing to provide**
 - **For community sites a commitment from the proprietor of the site or someone else to provide the needed attention.**

2014 ORDER FORM

“Greening The Orange” Program



Name:

School/Group Name & Address:

Daytime Phone Number:

Email Address:

You must put down your school/group name, telephone number and email address. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this program.

D	SPECIES	Current Size	Mature Height	# of bundles (10/bundle)
E	American Cranberry	12"-18"	8'-12'	
C	Elderberry	18"-24"	6'-12'	
I	Lilac	10"-18"	20'	
D	White Flowering Dogwood	18"-24"	15'-30'	
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Please Note:

Maximum # of bundles: 2

Information on our Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling sale and species information can be found on our website

www.ocsoilny.org

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Please mark down the date and location of pickup. There will be no further notice. If your order is not picked up (at the latest) by Monday, May 5th, we reserve the right to give your plants away to someone else so that they may be planted.



Return Order Form To:

**Christine DeGroodt
Orange County SWCD
225 Dolson ave, Suite 103
Middletown, NY 10940**

**Please Return By
April 21st, 2014**



The District reserves the right to substitute other species for those chosen if supplies become unavailable

Tree and Shrub Descriptions

American Cranberry- Shrub. Dark pink flowers. Needs well drained soil. Full sun to part shade.

Elderberry-Shrub. Produces fruit for jellies and pies. Has white flowers. Plant in wide variety of soils. Full sun to part shade.

Lilac- Shrub. Beautiful fragrant flowers. Well drained soils. Medium grower. Full sun.

White Flowering Dogwood-Tree. White flowers and red berries for wildlife. Moist, well drained soils. Full sun to part shade.

