

Press Release

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Summit SWCD is offering Native Plants for sale again in 2024. There are two life-stages of plants available for planting at different times of the year.

Now through March 5th!!

This year, Summit Soil and Water Conservation District is expanding our Native Plant offerings to include single plant species purchased in bundles of 3 plants. The price of a bundle is \$15.00. Please note, that there is a \$12.95 handling charge for each order, not each bundle. Orders will ship from the nursery to your address starting April 2 through April 9, 2024.

The herbaceous plants include some of our iconic woodland spring ephemerals and come in the form of bare roots and corms just out of dormancy and are less fragile, so the plants are easy to handle and plant right away when the ground is still soft in early April.

The trees and shrubs are bare-root seedlings and should also be planted promptly to ensure successful growth. If adding mulch when planting your trees and shrubs be sure not to place mulch around them any closer than 6 inches from the stem or trunk. This will help to prevent disease, insect infestation, and smothering of the roots.

Plants are bundled in packs of 3 plants of the chosen species. Each bundle of 3 plants sells for \$15.00. Orders will be shipped directly to your address of choice and the shipping charge is \$12.95 per order.

**ORDER DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 5th**

Orders and payment must be received by March 5th to complete the order. Payment should be in the form of a check made out to Summit SWCD and sent to our office address below. Please do not send cash. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Go to: <https://sswcd.summitoh.net/featured/2024-tree-shrub-perennial-sale> to order your bundles of native plants for early planting in April.

Now through March 5th!!

We're pleased to be offering our native plant kits for sale again this spring, in 2024.

You can help restore Ohio's native vegetation and improve the water quality and the health of our lakes and streams by including a Native Plant Garden as part of your landscaping plan. Native plants offer many benefits from improving soil health to keeping our waterways clean. The long root systems of native plants extend deep within the soil, creating a system of channels that allows water to infiltrate into the soil. In addition, these deep root systems can also remove nutrients and other pollutants from the soil and water. They require little or no fertilizer because they thrive in local soil conditions so not only will you save money on chemical and fertilizer applications, but you can help improve the health of our lakes and streams by keeping extra nutrients and pollutants out of our waterways.

The kits are designed for an extended period of bloom and interest. Plant species are labeled by common and botanical name, plant height, bloom time, and other growing information. When planted 18 inches on center, one kit of 50 plants will cover approximately 100 square feet.

We have 4 types of kits available, each with 10-11 different species of native plants. Each kit contains 50 individual plants and costs \$160.00 (that's \$3.20 a plant!). Substitutions of alternate species may be made without notice if necessary and the substitute species for each kit are listed on our website.

The deadline to order your native plant kit for 2024 is March 5th.

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No need to pickup your plant kit! The native plant kits will be shipped directly to you, with deliveries beginning on June 3rd. There is no additional charge for shipping.

Go to: <https://sswcd.summitoh.net/featured/2024-native-plant-kit-sale> to order your native plant kits.

Please send your checks to:

Summit SWCD-Plant Sale

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