



## October 13, 2018

is our next sampling date

Reminder to contact [Lynn](#) 513-615-2538 or [Teresa](#) 513-706-8991 if you cannot sample.

### Sampling Reminders

- Keep the cooler lid closed as much as possible
- Remember to grab bottles for the following month. It's always helpful to have a spare bottle in case one accidentally jumps into the creek.
- Provide labels that say dry, or too low to sample, if that is the case.
- Remember to sign in your samples in the lock box then place your sample in the cooler.
- Please mark the time and date on your labels of when you collected the sample. None of the sample times should be the same unless you are a time traveler.
- Sign your sample into the cooler with the drop off time.
- **Duplicate samples** - when you sign them into the cooler, put the number "2" next to the sample ID.
- **Duplicate samples** - use the month that is on the label. Remember to talk to Teresa if you will be out of town that month and she can switch dates for you.



# Clean Sweep of the Great Miami

Saturday, Oct 27

## Multiple Locations from Franklin to the Ohio River

The Clean Sweep is a volunteer event focused on removing trash and restoring the health of the Great Miami River. It's a great day for communities to demonstrate their desire for clean water and healthy rivers. It's an opportunity to learn about our river, and it's a time to come together with your families, your neighbors, your community, and your friends to accomplish something vital and worthy on behalf of our Great Miami River.

### Registration

It is extremely helpful to our site coordinators if you can [pre-register](#), especially if you would like to be in a canoe/kayak. There are two options to register:

1. Contact the site coordinator directly. [See locations page](#).
2. [Online pre-registration is available](#) for sites in Butler Hamilton, and Warren County.

**Waiver** [A waiver will need to be signed](#) by all participants and those 18 years of age or younger will need a parent or guardian signature.

**Materials** All materials for clean-up will be provided free of charge. Commemorative T-shirts will be distributed to each volunteer at the end of the event while supplies last.

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## Your Sampling Pics

Nathaniel and Susan collect from several streams in Oxford. They collect from one of the few sites that does not involve using a bridge sampler. Glad I'm not the only one whose dog goes sampling.

If you have any sampling pics to share, please send them my way. [Thanks, Lynn.](#)



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## 2018 Watershed Workshop

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

The Fawcett Center at The Ohio State University

### Cost:

- \$95.00 Members
- \$125 non-members
- Student Scholarship Registrations Available

Interested in nutrients in Ohio's Watersheds, want to learn more about permeable pavements, or how healthy rivers improve investment in riverfront cities? If so, you can hear about this and more during the Watershed Workshop.

6 contact ours/PDH's offered.

Find out more and register at <https://ohioswa.com/event/oswa-statewide-watershed-workshop/>

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## Poultry College

### AKA Backyard Chicken Class

Oct 29 and Nov 5

6- 8:30 pm

At Butler SWCD

1802 Princeton Rd, Hamilton, Oh 45011 ([map](#))

**Cost:** \$35. You can register online by credit card (small additional fee), pay by check, or cash.

[www.butlerswcd.org](http://www.butlerswcd.org)

This Poultry College is aimed at homeowners who plan to, or already, own backyard chickens.

Topics will include:

- Choosing your flock
- Housing your flock
- What to do with poop
- Health
- Flock care
- Biosecurity
- Marketing products
- Processing
- Butler County rules and regulations



#### More Information & Registration

Contact Brady Smith, 513-887-3720, or at [smithbe@butlercountyohio.org](mailto:smithbe@butlercountyohio.org)

## Milkweed Seed Pod Collection

Until Oct 31

Drop off seed pods at Butler SWCD, 1802 Princeton Rd, Hamilton, Oh 45011 ([map](#))

Butler Soil and Water is acting as the county drop off location for a state wide collection of common milkweed seed pods. Milkweed is the sole source of food for Monarch caterpillars. It also serves as a food source for Monarchs as well as many other pollinator species. The disappearance of milkweed across the U.S. has contributed to the 80% decline of the eastern monarch butterfly population over the last 20 years.

Seeds collected will be sent for processing, then some of the seeds are given back to the District to distribute to the public. Other seeds are used in projects around the state on Ohio Dept of Transportation sites.



Seed pods should be brown and easy to pop open when they are ready to collect. Store the pods in paper bags; plastic bags collect unwanted moisture. Put the date and county collected on the bag when you turn them in.

Find out more at

[www.butlerswcd.org/pollinators](http://www.butlerswcd.org/pollinators)

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## Water News

**Clean Water Act dramatically cut pollution in U.S. waterways**

<http://news.berkeley.edu/2018/10/08/clean-water-act-dramatically-cut-pollution-in-u-s-waterways/>

**Exploding backpack found during river cleanup linked to meth production**

<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2018/10/01/exploding-backpack-found-during-french-broad-river-cleanup/1486423002/>

**On the Hunt for a silent salamander killer**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2018/09/on-the-hunt-for-a-silent-salamander-killer/>

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## Save the Date

**Volunteer Breakfast and Training**

Sat, Feb 9, starting at 9 am

At the Butler County Engineers Office



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