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WABASHA SWCD'S MOST WANTED NOXIOUS WEED

Celastrus orbiculatus or Round leaf bitterweet (also known as oriental) is an aggressive woody vine native to China, Japan and Korea. It was introduced to North America in the mid-1860s as an ornamental. Round leaf bitterweet has since spread throughout the temperate eastern US and Canada. It's vines twine around trees and other supports resulting in girdled and smothered trees and shrubs. The added weight of the vines covered with snow and ice can break trees and shrubs. Round leaf bitterweet outcompetes and displaces our indigenous American bitterweet. Round leaf bitterweet reproduces by seeds and rhizomes. The fruits are consumed, then dispersed by birds and mammals. People can move seed by using fruiting stems in flower arrangements. Round leaf bitterweet is sometimes mistakenly labeled and sold by nurseries and in garden centers as American bitterweet. Its current legal status is Prohibited Control which means that it is illegal to transport, propagate or sell. After identifying a plant as round leaf bitterweet, cut the vine at the stump and apply herbicide with glyphosate, triclopyr or imazapyr. Bag or burn all fruit for disposal.

Cost-share for round leaf bitterweet and other invasive species is available. If you have questions or need helping identifying invasive species, contact your local SWCD technician Katelyn Abts at 651-560-2045 or Katelyn.Abts@m.nacdn.net

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ROUND LEAF BITTERSWEET



For more information on treatment and identification, scan the QR code or visit the MN Department of Health's website.



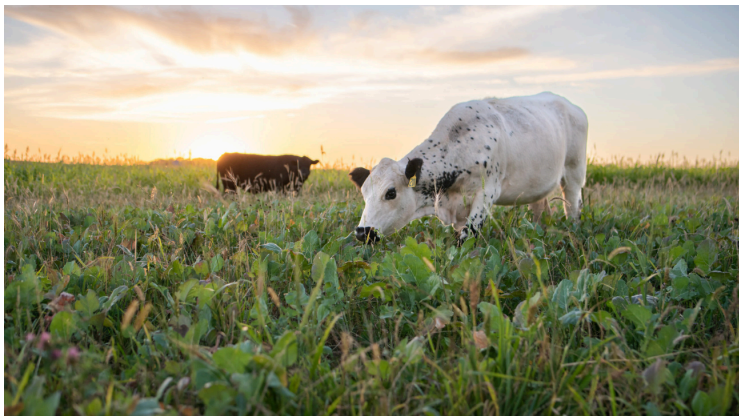
- The Wabasha County Well Inventory is still ongoing- submit your well to the inventory to stay informed!
- Free well tests are still available through the MN Dept of Health. Fill out an online form by either scanning the QR code below or call 651-560-2045 to fill out the form!
- New Cost Share Incentive for no- till available at \$20 an acre
- Tree and Plant Ordering is open! Order A.S.A.P as inventory is limited!

January-February 2026 News

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Integrating Livestock Onto Cropland- Workshop

The University of Minnesota Extension in Olmsted County, in partnership with the Minnesota Grazing Lands Conservation Association, is offering an interactive workshop. Farmers will learn important soil, financial, crop, and livestock concepts related to integrating crops and livestock on their farms. Class cost is \$10 and will be held at Byron City Hall, 680 Byron Main Ct. NE, Byron, MN 55920, on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, from 5–8 p.m. Supper is Provided! If you have interest in prescribed grazing and cost share opportunities reach out to Wabasha SWCD today! Cost share may be available!



Registration is required. Register at z.umn.edu/EachAcre
Contact Gabi Bolwerk at gbolwerk@umn.edu with any questions.

Grain Gathering- Learn About Growing Oats in SE MN

Come and find out how food-grade oats are fitting profitability into crop rotations on southeast Minnesota farms. This farmer-focused event is free to attend but register early as space is limited! The event is **Feb. 18th 10am-3:30pm in Rochester, MN at Aune Hall.**

Register at z.umn.edu/GrainGathering or Call **507-328-6214.**



Reminder Guide – Winter Manure Applications

Here is a quick reference guide for you in planning your winter manure applications. All application of manure to frozen or snow-covered fields, including when manure ownership is transferred, must comply with the following measures to limit potential for runoff. The requirements are based upon the time of year manure is applied.

December, January, and February

-Liquid manure application prohibited to frozen or snow-covered fields
-Solid manure application to frozen or snow-covered fields allowed if all of the following apply:

- Field is approved in Manure Management Plan
- Manure is not applied in vulnerable groundwater areas- (QR Code Below)
- 300 ft setback to waters/tile intakes
- Some runoff storage in tillage furrows
- Slope is 6% or less
- 2% or less in February
- Under 50% chance of ¼ inch or more rainfall within 24 hours of application
- 24 hours increases to 5 days for application in February
- If 2 or more inches of snow, temperature must be below 40°F for 24 hours after application

March

- Liquid and solid manure application prohibited to frozen or snow-covered fields.

Non-winter conditions

- If winter conditions do not exist at the time of application during the months of December through March, land application is allowed provided the manure is injected or incorporated within 24 hours.

Questions? Contact:

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Native Seed and Plant Sale



Partnering with Minnesota Native Landscapes, Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District is offering our community high quality native seed and plants to restore the natural landscape and habitat of Minnesota. By reintroducing native plants into our landscapes, we not only renew biodiversity but also strengthen ecosystem resilience. Native species provide essential habitat and food sources for pollinators and wildlife, helping to reestablish and support complex ecological networks. Moreover, native plants are adept at conserving water, stabilizing soil, preventing erosion, and improving surface and groundwater supplies.

Choose from 9 different seed mixes with choices such as the Pollinator Mix, Songbird Mix and Bee Lawn. Don't want to start from scratch? Consider a plant kit, a 36 plant tray of healthy seedlings ready to be planted. Check out the order form at wabashaswcd.com to see all the options offered.



Order today and receive your seed mix and/or plants in early spring. Call 651-560-2045 or email Katelyn.abts@mn.nacdnet.net for more information.



No-Till Cost Share Incentives

Are you interested in trying no-till? Have you been doing no till for less than 10 years? Wabasha SWCD's soil health practices program can help offset the cost with transitioning to no-till. With this program we are able to cost share \$20 an acre for using this practice. We can cost share on up to 100 acres. The requirements of the program are as follows: You must commit to doing 3 years of no-tillage on a designated amount of acres, the fields the practice is implemented on must stay the same for those 3 years, and you must meet the NRCS standards for the practice. No-till is a great way to help build soil health. Some benefits of no-till include; improves infiltration, helps reduce wind and water erosion, reduces the need for fuel intensive plowing and labor to do said plowing, and over time helps build a healthy community of microbes in your soil. The soil health practices program also provides cost share incentives for a variety of other practices such as cover crops, field borders, contour buffer strips, prescribed grazing and more! If you are interested in learning more about this incentive give us a call!

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