With help from over 20 partners, the **2015 NY State Invasive Species Calendars** are printed and being distributed to all libraries and municipalities in Wayne County. Stop by our office or at any of these locations to learn more about these invaders.

**Mark these important dates!**

- **National Invasive Species Awareness Week:** February 22-28, 2015
- **Agricultural Literacy Week:** March 16-20, 2015
- **National Water Week:** April 12-18, 2015
- **Earth Day:** April 22, 2015
- **Arbor Day:** April 24, 2015

Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) may look pretty, but this invasive species has an ugly impact on our environment by out-competing our native plants.

**WAYNE COUNTY ENVIROTHON**

Is your school participating?

On April 22nd, WCSWCD will hold its second Envirothon at Montezuma Wetland Complex. The Envirothon is a hands-on competition encompassing all topics covered in **biology, life sciences, earth science and environmental education**. Participating schools select a team of 5 students (9th-12th grade) with the hope of going to the state or national level to win **scholarships and other awards**. **We can help your school get started.** Call Ron Thorn or Maxine Appleby at 315-946-4136.
**SPRING 2015 FISH STOCKING PROGRAM**

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District

315-946-4136

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**FISH SPECIES AVAILABLE:**

**Largemouth Bass:** The largest member of the sunfish family, they average 8-17 inches long and reach weights in excess of 10 pounds. Largemouth bass inhabit the warm weedy areas of lakes and ponds and will flourish in all but the very coldest ponds.

**Yellow Perch:** The yellow perch is the most widely distributed member of the perch family and generally grow to 6-12 inches long. Yellow perch will occupy a variety of habitat, but prefer weedy, protected section of lakes, rivers and ponds. They provide an excellent food source for larger predator fish such as largemouth bass.

**Bluegill:** The bluegill is a colorful fish that reaches 4-10 inches long. They thrive in warm, shallow ponds to the point where they overpopulate and there growth is stunted. Bluegill spawn throughout the summer, providing an abundance of small fish for bass to feed on.

**Black Crappie:** Black crappies grow to 6-12 inches long. Crappies prefer clear, quiet areas of lakes and ponds. They do very well in ponds that are stocked with bass. They provide a food supply for larger predator fish such as bass, and generally do not over populate.

**Triploid Grass Carp:** The grass carp is the largest member of the minnow family, often reaching weights in excess of 25 pounds. Grass carp feed entirely on aquatic vegetation, and are commonly stocked in pond to control aquatic vegetation.

**Fathead Minnows:** Adult fathead minnows average 2-3 inches in length. The fathead’s prolific nature produce abundant food supply for game fish.

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DEC permit is required before you can buy and stock grass carp in your pond. Permit forms are available on our website or you can call our office and we can mail a copy. The permit should be completed and sent to DEC at least 3 weeks before our sale to ensure you receive your permit before our deadline.

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Name: Order with payment due Thursday, April 23rd

Address: Checks to be made out to Wayne County SWCD

City State Zip Pickup Date & Time: Saturday, May 11:00—Noon

Phone: (       ) Pickup location: 8338 Ridge Road, Sodus, NY

E-mail:

What containers & water should I use to take home the fish? We recommend a large cooler or clean garbage can with lid filled with at least 15-20 gallons of water from your pond. Do not use chlorinated water to transport your fish. Bring at least 20 gallons of pond water for every 6 Grass Carp, 30 Catfish, 500 Minnows, 100 Bass or 100 Perch for a travel time of 30-45 minutes. Please bring a cover for the containers, so the water does not splash around and the fish do not jump or splash out. A garbage bag with a tie in the container works well.

Wayne County SWCD is not responsible for the fish after they leave the pickup location

Check payments can be mailed to WCSWCD 10 Leach Road Lyons, NY 14489 or call 315-946-4136 (permits MUST be included with orders)
www.waynecountyNYsoilandwater.org/dec-carp-permit/
Tree Tubes, also known as tree shelters or tree protectors, turn seedlings into healthy, fast-growing trees in less time and less work!

- Protect tree seedlings from animal browsing and "buck rub." 
- Accelerate growth and increase survival rates – it's like giving each seedling its own "greenhouse." 
- Shield seedlings from herbicides and mowers, for faster, easier weed control.
- Allow grass to grow over and around the planter providing habitat for beneficial organisms.
- Protect tree seedlings from animal browse and "quick rub." 
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Tree Tubes save time & money – no more wasted effort on more wasted years planting! 

Use Tree Tubes On:

- Newly planted seedlings
- Seedlings you planted in previous seasons but have been browsed on by deer or rabbits – prune damaged trees to a single stem. Your tree already has an established root system; give it a Tree Tube and you won't believe how fast it will grow!
- Natural or "volunteer" seedlings you want to favor with the fast growth, browse protection and easy weed control Tree Tubes can provide.
- Directly seeded acorns, chestnuts or walnuts.
- Conifer seedlings (3' X 3'). 

Tree Tubes are not recommended for conifer seedlings transplanted. To avoid damage by voles, install a 3' X 3' plastic plate under them.

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