

Safe Tillage Tip from Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Whitney Burgess:

While unintended contact with underground utilities can be a costly disruption to your fieldwork, it can be avoided, free of cost, by contacting *Dig Safe*. To learn more about the location and general presence of underground public utilities on your land, call *Dig Safe* at 811, or visit their website a www.DigSafe.com to use their marking service. Information will be provided on how to pre-mark your site to assure the correct area is being checked and marked. Even if you’ve inquired about utilities on your land before, their depth can shift with factors like last season’s heavy rains and resulting erosion. The network of underground utilities is growing and changing — *Dig Safe* can help you keep up with these changes.



Signs of Conservation Announcement from Agronomy Specialist, Jennifer Alexander:

We offer free roadside “Signs of Conservation” to farmers that implement conservation practices. These signs are meant to raise awareness and appreciation for farmers’ efforts to build soil health and improve water quality. Placing these signs around your farm informs the community, and those visiting Vermont, that local farmers care about soil health and water quality and manage their land accordingly. Folks outside of the agriculture community may lack the context to identify conservation practices in action, like distinguishing between hay fields and well-established cover cropped fields. These signs can help educate onlookers and promote productive discussions. Please reach out for your free signs if you’re interested!

Spring 2024 Newsletter



Spring Plant Sale

Our annual fundraiser is right around the corner!

In addition to native trees, shrubs, and perennial flowers, we’re offering fruit trees (apple, pear, peach, cherry), berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries), asparagus and horseradish crowns, lilacs, a native wildflower and grass seed blend, And — new this year — tree protection gear and nursery logo hats!

Ordering is open until **April 15th**. Pickup will be **Saturday, May 4th (9am - 12pm)** at the Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery.

Find our **catalog** and **order form** on the PMNRCD website’s nursery tab or contact us to request a mailed catalog. Please check availability before placing an order after March 31st.

If you’d like to make some lovely, beneficial additions to your landscape, this is your opportunity! Create wildlife habitat, offer birds and pollinators a treat, increase flood resilience, improve soil and water quality, and enjoy a sensory spectacle through the seasons.

The Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery is a partnership with PMNRCD and the Nature Conservancy with support from the Village of Poultney. We grow native plants from local seed for statewide conservation and restoration projects. PMNRCD and CVNPRN provide education to schools and the wider community: sale proceeds will fund educational and technical programming.

Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery: 685 York Street, Poultney, VT 05764

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Questions? Contact nursery manager Sadie Brown: sadie@pmnrcd.org or (802) 287-6606



