

CUYAHOGA SWCD WATERSHED CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

Adopt 3 or more of these ACTIONS in Your Yard and 1 or more Actions in Your Community to PROTECT your local waterways.

Earn a SIGN for your Yard to show your support!

Circle or Highlight Your Completed Actions Below:

Circle or Highlight at least three actions you will take in your yard to protect your local watershed & Lake Erie

- LEAVE A 25 FOOT BUFFER of long rooted plants along your stream (don't mow to the edge of the creek)
- ADD PLANTS to the edge of creek and bare banks with native groundcovers, shrubs, trees, and flowers
- KEEP CLIPPINGS OUT of the stream- never dump grass or leaves in waterways
- SHRINK your lawn by using native plants, shrubs and trees instead
- REMOVE non-native, invasive shrubs and plants
- REPLACE NON-NATIVES SHRUBS and flowers with native plants to provide food and habitat for wildlife
- LEAVE your leaves: compost, mulch, or use the leaves in garden beds
- SAVE WATER by not watering your lawn
- REDUCE POLLUTION by mowing with non-gasoline powered tools
- KEEP OUT CHEMICALS - Wash your car on the lawn or at the car wash
- KEEP OUT NUTRIENTS - Only fertilize after a soil test- and use organic fertilizers when you must
- KEEP OUT PESTICIDES - Spot treat with pesticides only when a problem is found. Even better use boiling water or natural solutions instead!
- REMOVE PAVEMENT and replace it with permeable pavement or a planted area
- BUILD A RAIN GARDEN (Check with your community to ensure that a rain garden is allowed at your residence first)
- INSTALL A RAIN BARREL (Check with your community to determine if permits are needed)

Please fill in both sides and Return to the Cuyahoga SWCD Watershed Program Manager,

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Circle or Highlight **at least one action** you will take in **your community** to help your watershed.

- BECOME A MEMBER of Friends of Euclid Creek. (<https://www.friendsofeuclidcreek.com/>)
- BECOME A MEMBER of Rocky River Watershed Council. (<https://www.myrockyriver.org/>)
- BECOME A MEMBER of another local watershed focused group
- JOIN OR LEAD a Watershed Group Committee
- TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS what you are doing for Your Watershed
- DISPLAY your WATERSHED CHAMPION SIGN proudly
- TELL YOUR CITY or TOWNSHIP HALL what you are doing as a CHAMPION
- LOBBY your Home Owners Association to use better practices
- VOLUNTEER at watershed stream clean-ups
- VOLUNTEER to help maintain public rain gardens

Would you Like to Receive the Cuyahoga SWCD Newsletter?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If so which format?

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Hard Copy

Please provide your email address and mailing address so we can send you your yard sign!

And sign you up for our newsletter if you checked that box!

Name:

Email:

Address: