

CONSERVATION UPDATE



A TIME TO RESET

Cooler temperatures and shorter days are settling in here in Conrad which always signals a time to reset. Our schedules change to more routine and time indoors as winter approaches. Farmers are finishing up fall to-dos to prepare their fields for the next growing season and school is back in session. We hope you enjoy this edition of PCCD's Conservation Update. Please find some upcoming events, information regarding 310 permits, tree ordering, and a delicious fall recipe to try!



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UPCOMING EVENTS:



- **October 14th PCCD Board Meeting, Pondera**
Shooting Sports Building
- **No Board Meeting in November**
- **November 18th-20th, MACD Annual Convention,**
Billings, MT



WHAT IS A 310 PERMIT?



HISTORY:

In 1975, the Legislature enacted the National Streambed and Land Preservation Act, known as the 310 Law. This law is intended to protect and preserve streams and rivers and the lands adjacent to them.

WHEN DO I NEED TO ATTAIN A PERMIT?

A 310 permit is required **PRIOR** to beginning any project that physically alters or modifies the bed or banks of a perennial stream.

HOW DO I OBTAIN A PERMIT?

Visit us here at the Pondera County Conservation District. Located at
406 N Main St
Conrad, MT 59425
or email ponderacd@gmail.com



SALE

Items for Sale:

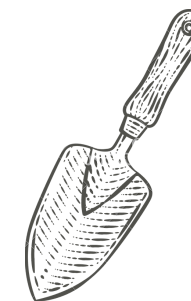
- Trees for Conservation- Orders completed before January 1st
- Landscape Fabric- \$125/roll (6' x 500' roll)
- Montana Women History Book- \$22
- Marker Flags- \$12/bundle (100 per bundle)
- Map Ordinance Book- \$35
- Bird Ramps- \$40



Conservation Trees:

The Seedling Sale start date will begin on January 21st. If you would like to order conservation trees for the spring of 2026, please get an order form in to PCCD by the beginning of January.

Trees will be delivered in the spring to PCCD and individuals can pay for them at the time of pick up. The Administrator will be in touch with producers purchasing trees through the district for information regarding the sale.



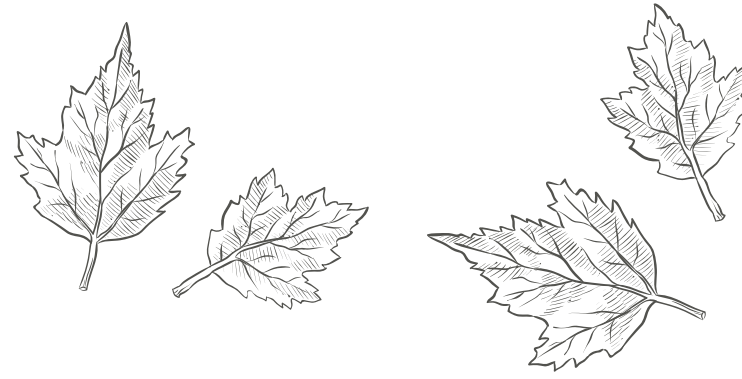
Equipment for Rent

- Level \$25/day
- Towner Disc \$10/acre first time over, then \$6/acre. \$250 deposit
- Tree Spade \$20/tree, \$250 deposit
- Scraper
- Fabric layer \$20/roll, fabric purchased @ PCCD covers cost for rent. \$250 deposit
- Tree planter \$0.15/tree, \$50/day minimum if 1-333 trees. \$250 deposit

Deposits are refundable upon payment of any required repair charge

See Rental Agreement form for more details

Italian Sausage Soup



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound Italian sausage
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 (14 ounce) cans beef broth
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can Italian-style stewed tomatoes
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can great Northern beans, undrained
- 2 small zucchini, cubed
- 2 cups spinach - packed, rinsed and torn



DIRECTIONS:

1. Gather all ingredients.
2. Heat a stockpot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add sausage and garlic; cook and stir until browned, 5 to 7 minutes.
3. Stir in broth, tomatoes, and carrots; season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer 15 minutes.
4. Stir in beans with liquid and zucchini; cover and simmer another 15 minutes, or until zucchini is tender.
5. Remove soup from heat and add spinach; replace the lid and allow spinach to wilt.
6. Stir until warmed through. Serve and enjoy!

PCCD holds monthly board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. Please call 406-278-7611 ext. 1048 if you would like more information.

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