

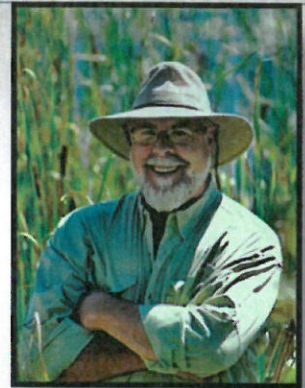
CONTROLLED PRESCRIBED BURNING

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<p>Who? <i>Ingham County Drain Commissioner, managing the Towar Snell and Towar Gardens Drains.</i></p>	<p>Why? <i>Restore native plantings that are designed to clean stormwater.</i></p>	<p>When? <i>March or April 2025</i></p>	<p>Where? <i>see attached map</i></p>
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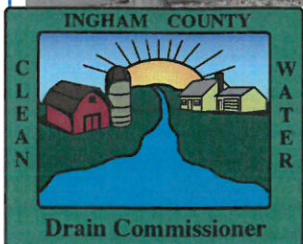
The Towar Snell and Towar Gardens and Branches Drain Drainage Districts are planning a controlled prescribed burn.



Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

Residents and Neighbors of the Towar Snell and Gardens Drains:

As part of maintaining the drain and its natural buffer vegetation, we will be conducting a controlled prescribed burn on some areas around the wetland ponds and rain gardens. This flyer is designed to give you some information needed to understand the process. Should you have questions, please feel free to call (517) 676-8395.



Why Burn? Historically, fire was a common feature of the midwest landscape. By reintroducing fire we are reintroducing a natural process. With the cessation of fire, we have allowed many fire-intolerant, non-native plant species to out-compete the native, fire-adapted plants. Native plants are needed at Towar for their superior ability to help cleanse stormwater of pollutants from our neighborhoods.

Are Burns Safe? The burn is conducted by well-equipped, fully-trained staff with the Meridian Township Fire Department in attendance. A prescribed burn will produce some smoke. In general, emissions from burns are significantly less than those produced from mowing a comparably-sized site. Persons needing to avoid any smoke exposure for medical reasons may leave contact information with the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, and they will be given individual notice of the burn timing. Animal life will be protected by not burning while ground nesting activity occurs.

When? Burns are best done in Spring, before much new growth has occurred. We're planning this burn for March or April. In order to conduct a prescribed burn, we must wait until conditions are right. Weather conditions - temperature, wind direction and strength, humidity, barometric pressure, and ground moisture - all must be within the proper range before we proceed. We will notify local news media on the morning we are conducting the burn. If you would like to be notified the morning we plan to burn, please call.

Towar Gardens Rain Garden



Picture taken 2 weeks after prescribed burn.



Picture taken 6 weeks after prescribed burn.

This year, the prescribed burn will occur around the parks and rear yard rain gardens (see attached map on the back of the letter for areas highlighted in yellow).

