

## WHO WE ARE

The Orleans County Natural Resource Conservation District (OCNRCD) was established in 1946 as a non-regulatory organization led by local landowners. We strive to protect natural resources by seeking solutions to local environmental concerns and providing resources to address them.

Our current focus is to support Orleans County communities and landowners in their efforts to improve water quality issues. Our extensive partnerships with state, federal and local organizations enable us to coordinate resources locally to support conservation land use practices.

### Staff

Sarah Damsell — *District Manager*  
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### Board of Supervisors

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## PARTNERS

Agrimark  
Ben and Jerry's Foundation  
Ben and Jerrys Caring Dairy Program Cabot Creamery  
The 18 towns in Orleans County Ducks Unlimited  
Local Landowners  
Memphremagog Watershed Association  
Missisquoi River Basin Association  
The Nature Conservancy  
National Association of Conservation Districts North Country Career Center  
Northeast Organic Farming Association  
Northeast Vermont Economic Development Association  
NorthWoods Stewardship Center  
Partners for Fish and Wildlife  
Seymour Lake Association  
Trout Unlimited  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
USDA Farm Service Agency  
USDA Rural Development  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
UVM Extension Service  
Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets  
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts  
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
Vermont Forest Products Association  
Vermont Forest Parks & Recreation  
Vermont Land Trust



**Orleans County  
Natural Resources  
Conservation District**

## Equipment Rental Program



**Promoting sound conservation  
practices since 1946.**

## Portable Truck Scales



### Set of 6 GEC MD 500 portable wheel load truck scales

Portable truck scales can be used to determine manure application rates and harvest yields.

- Use the scales to weigh your manure spreader or harvest truck empty and full

#### Scale rental details:

- Each scale weighs 48 lbs, and they come in a 29" x 29" x 32" case that fits all six scales
- Case and each scale can be loaded separately into trunk of large SUV or bed of truck
- For your first rental, OCNRC staff will bring the scales to you and assist you
- For all rentals after initial use, you will be responsible for transporting the scales

**Rental fee: \$50 per day or by donation**

## Soil Probe

Taking regular soil tests every two to three years can help you monitor your soil health and optimize your productivity.

The OCNRC has three soil probes available at our office in Newport to borrow with an **\$50 deposit**.

You can also purchase your own soil probe for \$85!

## Aerway



### Aerway soil aerator tiller

Use the Aerway to reduce compaction while increasing soil health and crop yields by improving water and nutrient filtration.

- The aerator can be used on corn, hay, and pasture land
- You may apply for incentive money through the Vermont Agency of Agriculture's Farm Agronomic Practice cropping and tillage program for a possible reimbursement of up to \$12/acre.

#### Aerway rental details:

- The Aerator is 20 ft wide, and must be pulled with at least a 140 hp tractor
- It is the responsibility of the farmer to transport the Aerway, which requires a one-ton truck with a pin hitch
- Each farmer will have the equipment for two-four days (with weather exemptions)
- It is the farmer's responsibility to maintain the equipment and to address any preventable damage or repairs

**Rental fee: \$6/acre**

## Coming soon:

## No-till drill & Hydraulic soil sampler!

## Portable Skidder Bridge



### Portable skidder bridge

Portable skidder bridges are becoming widely viewed as a best management practice for controlling sediment pollution associated with timber-harvesting operations.

When properly installed, used, and removed, they:

- Create less stream-bank and stream-bed disturbance than other alternatives such as culverts
- Are economical because they are reusable, easy to install, and can be transported from job to job
- Reduce the potential for sedimentation, channeling, and degradation of aquatic habitat
- Allow loggers to harvest timber in compliance with Acceptable Management Practices (AMPs) for maintaining water quality on logging jobs in Vermont

#### Rental details:

- Bridges are stored at the Wheelock Lumber Yard in Glover, VT
- Loggers who rent bridges are provided an educational packet that illustrates guidelines to follow for installation, use and removal of bridges

**Rental fee: \$100 per month with a security deposit of \$100, refunded at the time of return**