Socorro SWCD

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Fall is in the air

With the late monsoon season arriving and flooding throughout Socorro County, we must prepare for any situation. Cost share with us for a rain harvesting barrel to help reduce flooding around your home! Installing a water storage tank or rain harvesting barrel can be beneficial to plants and trees.



Water storage tank on ranchland



Rain harvesting barrel

Siberian Elm (Pictured below)



African Rue (Pictured below)



Weed Identification page

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This page is to help identify different kinds of weeds in Socorro County.

How to identify them as well as how to manage them.

Help stop the spread of seeds! We kindly ask not to bring the plant to our office to reduce spread of seeds. Please snap a picture instead.

JOIN THE WILDLAND SEED HARVESTING PROGRAM

The Wildland Seed Harvesting Program is a collaboration between Ciudad, Coronado, Socorro, and Valencia Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Rio Grande Return.

To address the shortage of locally adapted native plant seeds for soil conservation and habitat restoration in the Middle Rio Grande we are engaging private landowners in inventorying native plant populations and collecting their wildland seed.

Private landowners will be compensated for their participation.

HOW IT WORKS

- Interested landowners complete the online application for the 2026-2027 season.
- Rio Grande Return coordinates with landowners to conduct an initial site visit, assess native plant populations, track species for maturity, and harvest the seeds.
- **Private landowners receive compensation for seed collection on their property.**

ELIGIBILITY

1. Own property classified as Riparian, Wetland, Forest, Upland, Rangeland, or Agriculture.
2. Support healthy populations of native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers. Each species population must contain at least 50 individuals. We follow the Seeds of Success seed collection protocol and collect from no more than 20% of the population at the time of collection.
3. Allow access to your land for seed collection. We will tailor seed harvest techniques to species and site context. Seed harvesting methods may include hand collection, a hand-held seed harvester, and/or a pull-behind hydraulic seed stripper.



Questions?
Email cameron@riograndereturn.org

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Making Every Drop Count

Irrigation Strategies During Limited Water Conditions

As water resources become increasingly limited, efficient irrigation is more important than ever. Hear from leading Extension Specialists and industry professionals on real-world solutions that can help improve water use, maintain productivity, and prepare for future challenges.

Speakers

- Mark Marsalis, Extension Forage Specialist
- Atinderpal Singh, Extension Water Management Specialist
- Srinivas Pinnamaneni, Agricultural Irrigation Specialist
- Will Kolbenschlag, Socorro Soil and Water Conservation District

October 16th
10am-2pm

Socorro County Extension Office
198 Neel Avenue NW, Socorro

Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP online at
socorroextension.nmsu.edu
by October 9th

If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service please contact Emily Bruton by October 9 at 575-835-0610

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October 12th 2026 Columbus/Indigenous peoples day (Officed Closed)

October 13th 2026 (Board Meeting)

November 10th 2026 (Board Meeting)

November 26th 2026 Thanksgiving day (Office closed)

December 8th 2026 (Board Meeting)