

Big Tree Contest

The Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Medina County Gazette will sponsor the 22nd Annual Big Tree Contest. In this contest, entrants submit a nomination for a predetermined type of tree they believe might be the largest in the county. Qualified personnel will measure the trees to determine the winner.

The contest procedures are based on requirements of the Ohio Division of Forestry, since winners may be submitted for the Ohio Big Tree Program as a state champion. You may not have a state champion, but the tree could be Medina County's champ.

- ❖ 2025 big tree will be **Persimmon** (*Diospyros virginiana*).
- ❖ The tree nominated must be located in Medina County.
- ❖ A tree may be nominated only once. The first nomination received will be entered in the contest.
- ❖ The tree does not have to be on the property of the nominator; however, permission of the landowner must be obtained prior to nomination.
- ❖ The nomination form must be submitted to the SWCD office by **August 16th, 2025**.
- ❖ Qualified District personnel will measure all nominated trees. The decision of the District will be final.
- ❖ Prizes will be awarded at the District's annual meeting in the fall.
- ❖ Prizes will include a \$24.00 coupon to be used for the District's 2026 tree seedling sale (no other cash value) and a plaque with tree's statistics.

For an entry form to nominate your winning **Persimmon** or for more information, please call Jim in our office at 330-722-9317.

Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District
6090 Wedgewood Road
Medina, OH 44256
330-722-9322

MEDINA COUNTY BIG TREE CONTEST

Contest Guidelines:

- 1.) The 2025 contest is open for the tree, Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*).
- 2.) Tree nominated must be located in Medina County.
- 3.) A tree may be nominated only once. The first nomination received will be entered in the contest.
- 4.) The tree does not have to be on the property of the nominator; however, permission from the landowner must be obtained by the nominator.
- 5.) The Medina County nomination form must be submitted to:
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- 6.) All nomination forms must be received by **August 16th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**
- 7.) All nominated trees will be measured by qualified personnel who will use the official Ohio's Big Tree nomination form. Decisions of the judges will be final.
- 8.) The Medina County Big Tree Award will be presented at the Annual Banquet of the Soil and Water Conservation District to be held in the fall. It will also be displayed on the SWCD Facebook page.

2025 Persimmon Nomination Form

- Circumference (in inches) at 4 1/2 feet height on uphill side of tree _____
- Best estimate of height (in feet) _____
- Best estimate of diameter (in feet) of the tree's crown _____
- Date Measured _____
- Measured by _____
- Location of Tree: Township _____
- Tree's location (sketch a map of the tree's location and **MARK THE TREE**) *This is very helpful!*
- Name of owner _____
- Address of tree _____ City _____ Zip _____
- Nominated by _____ Phone _____
- Nominator's address _____ City _____ Zip _____