

PROPANE CANNON POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose for providing the propane cannon(s) is to promote the use of existing technology to reduce crop damage from wildlife on crop acreage in Muskingum County. The program is designed to help landowners to see the effectiveness of propane cannons in dealing with problem animals. **Our hope is once landowners see the effectiveness of the cannons, they will purchase their own. The duration of the program is not to exceed three years. The cannons may be limited or unavailable during the program period.**

POLICY:

The Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors to effectively carry out this program have adopted the following policy:

There is no cost for the use of the propane cannons. There will be a deposit of \$25.00 per cannon required for the use of these cannon(s). The deposit will be returned to the Cooperator upon return of the cannon(s) to the District undamaged.

The time which the Cooperator may have the propane cannon(s) in his/her possession is two weeks. A fee of \$5.00 per cannon per day will be assessed for the late return of the cannon(s). Extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors with their decision being final. The calculated time of possession for the propane cannon(s) prior to a penalty charge is based on the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Cooperator will be responsible for damages to the propane cannon(s) while in his/her possession. The payment for such damages shall be made to the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District. Failure to pay said charges would result in the matter being referred to the Muskingum County Prosecutor.

The District Wildlife Specialist or his representative will instruct anyone using the cannon(s).

The Cooperator is responsible for the transportation of the propane cannon(s) from the point of pickup to the farm and back to the original point of pickup. The pickup point is the District office unless otherwise specified by the District office.

The District staff will perform preventative maintenance on the propane cannons as needed.