

Cover crops are multi-purpose

While I will admit that half of my vegetable garden looks dreadful, the other half is holding steady because we mulched paths with a heavy layer of wood chips, filled unplanted beds with cover crops and have weeded the rest by hand and hoe. Cover crops

are multi-purpose in the vegetable garden. While many disease pathogens winter over on plant debris (and an equal amount remain viable in the soil) it means we need to strategize to keep the garden relatively clean. Of course, we can't remove our soil but do take note of what was planted where so you can rotate crop locations next year. For example, tomatoes are

quite susceptible to several soil born viral and bacterial diseases so these should always be planted in different locations each year (with an average 3 years off) to offset disease incidence. We can do a few other things over the winter months too; once the garden has been cleaned up focus your attention on improving soil health. I have a habit of getting my compost, old manure or cover crops planted in the fall or early winter before

the spring rush of chores. Plus, spring rains can sometimes delay our work so having it done before the planting season gets me one step closer to getting the garden in sooner than later.

Compost and old manure are self-explanatory, the more the better as they will improve drainage (no water-logged roots; and a garden that can be worked sooner after heavy rains), water

retention (moist but not soggy because we also have good drainage), soil fertility (food for our plants slowly throughout the sea-

son in a form that can be taken up by the plant) and a healthy web of soil life

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6 MONTH DEADLINE FOR CLAIMS: 3/24/2027
ATTORNEY: David L. Drake, 5247 Madison Pk
Independence, KY 41051



LEGAL NOTICE

The Owen County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids to replace the low-water crossing on Sawdridge Creek, a county road off HWY 607. All interested contractors may attend the pre-construction meeting at 10:00 Friday, October 9th, 2026 at the site location. The purpose of this meeting is to review the job description and take measurements for the job. All bids must be sealed and delivered to the Judge Executive's office no later than 4pm Tuesday, October 27th 2026, at the regular meeting of the Owen County Fiscal Court beginning at 5 pm. Please feel free to contact Owen County Public Works Director Joe Colligan at 502-514-6531 with any questions concerning the bids.

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Owen County Fiscal Court (OCFC) reserves the right at any time and for any reason to cancel this Request for Bids/Proposals, accept or reject any or all bids/proposals or any portion thereof, or to accept an alternate bid/proposal. OCFC reserves the right to waive any immaterial defect in any bid. OCFC may seek clarification from any bidder/offeree at any time and failure to respond promptly is cause for rejection

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