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**RESIDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND FREE 'LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAN WATER'  
RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP**

Burnsville and Dakota County residents are invited to attend one of two introductory workshops to see how rain gardens, native gardens and shoreline stabilization projects benefit local water quality and help wildlife.

**What:** Landscaping for Clean Water Rain Garden Workshop  
**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 24 OR Tuesday, April 12  
6:15 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway  
**Cost:** FREE

During the workshops, which last just over one hour, participants will learn how to build and maintain native plant and rain gardens. In addition, trained instructors will provide dozens of examples of gardens that add variety and interest to yards and provide habitat for pollinating insects such as butterflies. Rain gardens also help clean up local waterbodies by filtering storm water runoff, which helps stop pollutants from flowing to lakes and streams through storm drains.

Design and installation assistance is available to attendees. The City of Burnsville also offers grants of up to \$1,000 for residents with qualified water quality improvement projects. The application deadline for the City grant program is Monday, May 2.

Registration is required by emailing [swcd@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:swcd@co.dakota.mn.us) or calling 651-480-7777.

Visit [www.dakotacountyswcd.org](http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org) for more information.

*For more information on the workshops and the Burnsville Natural Resources Department visit [www.burnsville.org/raingarden](http://www.burnsville.org/raingarden). Residents can also attend the introductory workshop in Apple Valley Feb. 17 or April 4, Lakeville on March 1, Eagan on March 7, Hastings Spring Lake Park on March 30, Farmington on March 31 and Inver Grove Heights on April 6.*

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