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WHY NATIVE PLANTS? BURNSVILLE HAS THE ANSWER.

Public Invited to Second-Annual Native Plant Market May 21

Some plants are more than just pretty.

Native plants are magnets for important pollinators like bees, monarch butterflies and hummingbirds – providing them with a vital source of food. Native plants are also best adapted to the local climate and soil types. Once established, these hearty plants generally need very little care. Using native plants means you spend less time watering and fertilizing your garden, and more time enjoying all of the wildlife that visits!

To help encourage people to grow native plants, the City will hold its second-annual Native Plant Market May 21.

- When:** Saturday, May 21
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Where:** Parking Lot Across from City Hall
100 Civic Center Parkway
- Who:** Residents and Non-Residents
- Cost:** Plant Prices Vary

Native wildflowers, ferns and grasses will be for sale from multiple vendors at this farmer's market-style event. The sale will be held rain or shine. Only cash or checks are accepted – no credit cards. Market area will be closed to the public before 9 a.m.

Exhibitors at the sale will include the Burnsville Natural Resources Department, Master Gardeners of Dakota County and the Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District.

For more information on native plants and the Native Plant Market visit www.burnsville.org/nativeplants.

(See Native Plant Market plant list below)



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100 Civic Center Parkway

WHO: Open to Everyone

Open Rain or Shine!
CASH OR CHECKS ONLY



NATIVE PLANT MARKET

Possible Plant List

PRAIRIE / SUNNY WILDFLOWERS

Butterfly Milkweed
Meadow Blazingstar
Pale Coneflower
Prairie Smoke
Prairie Tickseed
Purple Prairie Clover
Rough Blazingstar
Showy Goldenrod
Sky Blue Aster
Smooth Blue Aster
Whorled Milkweed
Yellow Coneflower



Butterfly Milkweed

Monarch Butterfly caterpillars feed only on native milkweeds. No matter your garden conditions, there is a milkweed species you can grow.

Bloom: Orange
Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 2 feet

Rough Blazingstar

Favorite food source for Monarch Butterflies and other pollinators

Bloom: Purple
Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 3 feet



Plant Profile



The native plants listed here will likely be available at the Native Plant Market. A much wider selection of plants is expected to be available. Because of variable spring growing conditions, vendors won't be able to provide a complete list before the event.

Vendors will make final plant selections, so no guarantee can be made by the City that any plant listed here will be available. It's best to be flexible in your plant choices and shop around when you arrive at the Native Plant



WOODLAND / SHADE WILDFLOWERS

Big-Leaf Aster
Bishop's Cap
Celandine Poppy
Culver's Root
Heart-leaved Aster
Jack-in-the-Pulpit
Jacob's Ladder
Poke Milkweed
Wild Blue Phlox
Wild Columbine
Wild Geranium
Wild Strawberry
Zig Zag Goldenrod

Wild Columbine

Beautiful spring wildflower and important food source for the caterpillars of the tiny Columbine Duskywing Butterfly.

Bloom: Red, yellow
Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 2 feet



Wild Strawberry

Fruits are tiny but have twice the flavor of grocery store strawberries. Popular with wildlife.

Bloom: White
Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 5 inches



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RAIN GARDEN PLANTS

Blue Flag Iris
Boneset
Cardinal Flower
Great Blue Lobelia
Ironweed
Monkey Flower
Mountain Mint
Prairie Blazingstar
Stiff Tickseed
Swamp Milkweed
White Turtlehead



Cardinal Flower

Important nectar source for Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds.

Bloom: Red
Soil: Moist
Height: 4 feet

White Turtlehead

Important food source for caterpillars of Baltimore Checkerspot Butterflies

Bloom: Cream
Soil: Moist
Height: 5 feet



Plant Profile

GRASSES, SEDGES, & FERNS

Junegrass
Little Bluestem
Prairie Dropseed
Brown Fox Sedge
Pennsylvania Sedge
Plains Oval Sedge
Lady Fern
Maidenhair Fern
Sensitive Fern

Little Bluestem

Excellent garden grass. Deep roots tolerate drought. In fall, leaves turn coppery-pink. Caterpillars of skipper butterflies feed on leaves of this and other grasses.

Soil: Medium to dry
Height: 3 feet



Maidenhair Fern

Great alternative to hostas. Interesting leaves and spreads slowly by roots.

Soil: Damp to medium
Height: 2 feet



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