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LEARN TO PROTECT LOCAL WATER QUALITY DURING FREE RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOPS

Burnsville and Dakota County residents are once again invited to attend the popular “Landscaping for Clean Water Workshops.” These introductory workshops provide tips and tricks on creating native gardens, rain gardens and shoreline stabilization projects that benefit local water quality and provide much-needed habitat for pollinators.

- What:** Landscaping for Clean Water
- When:** Thursday, Feb. 23 OR Thursday, April 13
6:15 to 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** **Please note new location**
Burnhaven Library
1101 County Road 42 W.
- Cost:** FREE

During the workshops (which last just over one hour) participants will learn about the benefits and function of rain and native plant 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 filter 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 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 8.

Registration is required by emailing swcd@co.dakota.mn.us or calling 651-480-7777.

Visit www.dakotacountyswcd.org for more information.

For more information on the workshops and the Burnsville Natural Resources Department visit www.burnsville.org/raingarden.

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