



# City of Burnsville

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## **GET HELP PLANNING NATIVE GARDENS, RAIN GARDENS OR NATIVE SHORELINES DURING FREE 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.

<b>What:</b>	Landscaping for Clean Water
<b>When:</b>	Tuesday, April 10 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Where:</b>	<i>*Please note new location</i> Diamondhead Education Center (Use Door #1 - Savage Room) 200 W. Burnsville Parkway
<b>Cost:</b>	FREE

During the workshops, which last just over one hour, participants will learn about low-maintenance native gardens, rain gardens and native shoreline stabilization projects that help keep waterbodies clean.

In addition, trained instructors will provide dozens of affordable examples of gardens that transform conventional urban yards into beautiful and beneficial landscapes – all while providing habitat for pollinating insects. These gardens also help filter storm water runoff, which helps stop pollutants from flowing to lakes and streams.

After attending an introductory workshop, participants can sign up to attend a \$25 rain garden design course, where they will receive design assistance to create a functioning raingarden specific to their own yard.

**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.**

Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District offers grants opportunities of up to \$250 for these types of water quality improvement projects. The City of Burnsville also offers grant opportunities of up to \$1,000 for residents. The application deadline for the City grant program is Monday, May 7.

*Residents are invited to attend workshops in other communities: Farmington (March 27); Inver Grove Heights (April 4); Lakeville (April 9); Apple Valley (April 11); Eagan (April 26); and Rosemount (April 30).*

*For more information on Burnsville grant opportunity and the City Natural Resources Department visit [www.burnsville.org/WQGrant](http://www.burnsville.org/WQGrant).*

*(Flyer Below)*

# Introduction to Landscaping for Clean Water

## Design a Native Garden



Native gardens are beautiful, save water, reduce need for fertilizer, and provide wildlife habitat.

## Create a Raingarden



Raingardens filter dirty stormwater from streets and rooftops before it enters streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes.

## Stabilize Shorelines



Native plants have long roots that anchor soil, filter out pollutants, and discourage geese from gathering.

- Learn how raingardens and native plants can help protect local water quality.
- See dozens of beautiful garden designs and plant options.
- Learn how to apply for a \$250 county grant.
- Burnsville residents can also learn how to apply for a city grant for up to \$1,000.

**DAKOTA COUNTY**



— SOIL & WATER —  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



## FREE WORKSHOP

**March 5 or April 10**

**6:15 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Diamondhead Education  
Center in Burnsville**

**To register, call Dakota  
County SWCD**

**(651) 480-7777**

**or visit**

**[www.dakotaswcd.org](http://www.dakotaswcd.org)**