



## Take good care of our water by taking care of your garden!

*Minneapolis Blooms*

**Learn how to plant a rain garden.** You'll create a beautiful area that attracts birds and butterflies. Rain gardens allow rain and melting snow to seep naturally into the ground. This helps recharge groundwater and keeps contaminated water from running into storm drains and polluting our lakes, rivers and streams. It may even help you reduce monthly storm water fees on your utility bill.

The **Education Workshop** (Part A) will teach you how to install a rain garden with native plants, which thrive without fertilizers or pesticides. You may also sign up for a later **Coaching Seminar** (Part B). There you'll bring your own rain garden plans and questions for advice from landscape design assistants and master gardeners. Find out which plants will thrive in the sun or shade of your garden.

**Reimbursement grants** of \$65 for buying and installing native plants will be available first-come, first-served to participants. **On-site consultations** at a workshop participant's property are available from landscape design assistants after April 15 for only \$40. Minneapolis residents can buy rain barrels for \$45 each at [www.thereusecenter.com](http://www.thereusecenter.com) until supplies run out. Offer limited to one per household.

**Questions?** Call Pat Gill, co-chair, 612-673-3014, or visit [www.MetroBlooms.org](http://www.MetroBlooms.org).

**Register in advance** for the \$15 rain garden workshop of your choice. See the list on the reverse side. Space is limited.

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### Rain garden workshops

**Register now!** Space is limited. Register with a credit card at [www.MetroBlooms.org](http://www.MetroBlooms.org). (Please help our very limited staff by registering online.) Or send a \$15 check or money order payable to Metro Blooms to Pat Gill, 2223 7th St. NE, Mpls., MN 55418. Be sure to include the **workshop number** you prefer (#1 – #10 below) and your **name, address, zip code, phone number with area code and e-mail address**.

#### Education workshop

Education workshop		Location		
<b>#1</b>	Wed., March 28	6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Nokomis Park Recreation Center</b>	2401 E Minnehaha Pkwy. Minneapolis
<b>#2</b>	Mon., April 2	6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Minnetonka Community Center</b>	14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Minnetonka
<b>#3</b>	Wed., April 4	6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>St. Louis Park Recreation Center</b>	3700 Monterey Drive St. Louis Park
<b>#4</b>	Sat., April 7	10 a.m.-noon	<b>Olson Middle School</b>	1607 51 <sup>st</sup> Ave. N. Minneapolis
<b>#5</b>	Tue., April 10	6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Luxton Park Recreation Center</b>	112 Williams Ave. SE Minneapolis
<b>#6</b>	Thurs., April 12	6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Powderhorn Park Recreation Center</b>	3400 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Minneapolis
<b>#7</b>	Tue., April 24	6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Logan Park Recreation Center</b>	690 13th Ave. NE Minneapolis
<b>#8</b>	Wed., April 25	6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Kenwood Park Recreation Center</b>	2101 W. Franklin Ave. Minneapolis
<b>#9</b>	Sat., May 19	10 a.m.-noon	<b>St. Barnabas Lutheran Church</b>	15600 Old Rockford Road Plymouth
<b>#10</b>	Sat., June 9	10 a.m.-noon	<b>Brookview Community Center</b>	200 Brookview Parkway Golden Valley