

Your green thumb can help protect the Mississippi

Create a beautiful area that attracts birds and butterflies and helps protect our water resources. **Learn how to build a rain garden.** Rain gardens allow rain and melting snow to seep naturally into the ground. This helps recharge groundwater and keeps contaminants from being washed into storm drains and carried to 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 using native plants that don't require fertilizers or pesticides. Participants will also learn about downspout redirection and more eco-friendly lawn care. After attending Part A, you can follow up with the **Coaching Seminar** (Part B) where you'll bring your rain garden plans and questions for personal advice from landscape design assistants and master gardeners.

Register in advance for the \$10 rain garden educational workshop (see reverse side). Workshop attendees can also get a \$65 native plant reimbursement grant, plus a **one-hour on-site consultation** (after April 15) from landscape design assistants for only \$40.



\$65 native plant reimbursement grants available

See details on other side to register at www.MetroBlooms.org or contact Noelle Hechtman, program coordinator, at (651) 699-2426.

Space is limited, so register today with a credit card online at www.MetroBlooms.org. Or send a \$10 check payable to Metro Blooms, attn: Noelle Hechtman, 3629 Quebec Ave. S., St. Louis Park MN 55426. Be sure to include the **workshop number** you prefer (#2 – #16 below), your **name, address, zip code, phone number with area code** and **e-mail address**. For a complete listing of workshops and seminars go to www.metroblooms.org.

Rain Garden Education Workshops (Part A)

Locations

#	Date	Time	Location	Address	City
#2	Wed., March 26	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	St. Louis Park Rec Center	3700 Monterey Dr.	St. Louis Park
#3	Thurs., April 10	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Logan Park Recreation Center	690 13 th Ave. NE	Minneapolis
#4	Tues., April 15	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Creekside Community Center	9801 Penn Ave. S.	Bloomington
#8	Wed., April 30	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Creekview Recreation Center	5001 Humboldt Ave. N.	Minneapolis
#9	Mon., May 12	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Longfellow Recreation Center	3435 36 th Ave. S.	Minneapolis
#10	Thurs., May 15	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	St. Barnabas Lutheran Church	15600 Old Rockford Road	Plymouth
#13	Thurs., May 22	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Hopkins Activity Center	33 14 th Ave. N.	Hopkins
#14	Tues., June 3	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Crystal Community Center	4800 Douglas Dr.	Crystal
#16	Mon., June 9	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Lynnhurst Recreation Center	1345 W. Minnehaha Pkwy.	Minneapolis

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