



# City of Burnsville

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

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:** Tuesday, April 9 | 6 - 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway  
**Cost:** FREE

During the workshops, which last 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.

**Registration is required by visiting [www.dakotacountyswcd.org/cleanwater\\_form.html](http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/cleanwater_form.html).**

Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District offers grants opportunities 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 6.

*For more information on Burnsville grant opportunity visit [www.burnsvillemn.gov/WQGrant](http://www.burnsvillemn.gov/WQGrant).*

*Residents are invited to attend workshops in other communities: South St. Paul (March 20); Lakeville (April 8); Apple Valley (April 16); Eagan (April 29); Minnesota Zoo (June 4); and Rosemount (June 27).*

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