

# LANDSCAPE NATURALLY.



Everything we do on lawns, driveways and yards eventually ends up in our rivers, lakes and wetlands. Everyday decisions DO matter!  
"Clean Water Starts With Me!"

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## Choose Minnesota plants, trees and shrubs.

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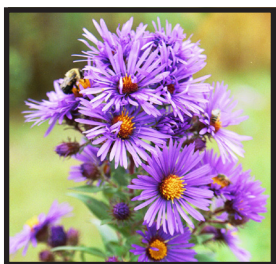
### Here are some ways to get you started:

- When landscaping, choose trees, shrubs and flowers that are native (original to Minnesota) and can withstand dry and wet weather cycles.
- Convert a small portion of your yard to trees and shrubs for wildlife or to a native wildflower garden for bees, birds and butterflies.
- Add a native plant rain garden at downspouts or other low spots in your yard.
- Make sure you check local ordinances before planning and planting.

**WHY?** Your yard can be beautiful NATURALLY. Native prairie plants can withstand cold winters and hot summers. Prairie plants keep our lakes and streams clean because they have deep roots that filter runoff and increase groundwater recharge. Once established, native plants don't need fertilizing, are naturally disease resistant and rarely need watering. Plus they add color and attract bees, birds, butterflies and wildlife. Use hard surfaces like rocks, pavers and concrete sparingly. Ask your nursery or greenhouse where the "native" plant section is located.

**Contact the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District for more information.**

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