

Items eligible for reimbursement through the grant

- Native plants—Reimbursable for any project type, and recommended for all
- Native cultivar or non-native plants—Reimbursable only for raingardens
- Purchased materials like edging, soil, mulch, water conveyance materials, etc.
- Equipment rental such as tiller, sod cutter, trailer, etc.
- Fees for professional consultation and/or installation
- Landscaping cloth (weed barrier, plastic) only in areas intended to direct water (i.e. dry creek bed directing water from downspout to rain garden) ✓

Items NOT eligible for reimbursement

- Landscaping elements for aesthetic purposes (i.e. decorations such as a sculpture or fountain)
- Man-made structures such as retaining walls within shoreline restoration or buffer areas
- Rock (rip-rap) along shorelines
- Landscaping cloth (weed barrier, plastic) may not be used under plants or in planted areas (it inhibits water infiltration & plant root growth). Only use where moving water into a raingarden.
- Re-purposed or donated items
- Volunteer labor
- Gasoline for automobile travel
- Any item or service not specifically related to project, or items that will be used for personal use in the future, like a shovel
- For site prep – tree and stump removal, and irrigation line removal/reinstallation
- Items purchased before the grant agreement is signed ✗

Choosing the right plants:

Native vs. native-cultivar vs. non-native

Native plants are great for landscaping. They infiltrate water with deep roots and benefit local wildlife. While only required for shoreline, native garden and native planting applications, **native plants are highly encouraged for raingardens too**. Whichever plants you choose, please research, read labels and ask vendors to know exactly what you're getting.

- **Native:** Naturally occurring in a geographical area without introduction by people. There are many vendors in the area that sell strictly native plants and seed, including at Burnsville's Native Plant Market!
- **Native-cultivar:** A native plant selectively bred by people to have certain characteristics. Their modified characteristics often make them inaccessible/unsuitable for bees, birds, and butterflies or reduce their benefit in water quality projects. Tell it apart from the native counterpart by looking for the trademark name in 'single quotes' on the plant tag:
 - Native Black-eyed Susan = *Rudbeckia fulgida*
 - Native-Cultivar Black-eyed Susan = *Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldsturm'
- **Cultivar** = cultivated variety
- **Non-native:** A plant that does not naturally occur in a geographical area, though it may have been introduced by people and grows in the wild. Some non-native plants are invasive because they easily out-compete native plants.

Want to learn more?

Visit the City of Burnsville's *Environmentally-Friendly Landscaping* page for a list of links directing you to helpful native plant websites:
www.burnsvillemn.gov/nativeplants

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Not sure how to get started on a project? Check out this great workshop opportunity!

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