

Resources

GREAT PLACES
TO START
FOR MORE
INFORMATION

Hennepin County Environmental Services

612-348-3777

www.hennepin.us

Hennepin County provides a variety of information on managing your yard in an earth-friendly way. Information is available on topics ranging from composting to the proper disposal of fertilizers and weed killers.

- Eco-Yard Demonstration Site (see Visit the Eco-Yard, pg 1) and educational programs
- Drop-off Sites for household hazardous waste and recycling, www.hennepin.us, Key Word Search: A to Z or Facilities

U of M – Extension Service of Hennepin County

612-596-2110

www.extension.umn.edu

The Extension Service provides education outreach for the University of Minnesota, delivering education programs on a variety of topics, including yard and garden information.

- Hennepin County Master Gardener Hotline, 612-596-2118
www.hcmg.umn.edu
- Yard and Garden Line, 612-624-4771
- INFO-U Hotline, 612-624-2200
- Sustainable Urban Landscape Information Services
www.sustland.umn.edu
SULIS provides sustainable landscape information to the public and to the horticulture/landscape industry, from planning to maintenance.

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Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

651-296-6157

www.dnr.state.mn.us

Metro Watershed Partners

Tips for Keeping Minnesota's Water Clean

www.cleanwatermn.org

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

Ornamental Grasses for Cold Climates.

Meyer, Mary Hockenberry; White, D.B.; and Pellett, Harold. North Central Regional Extension Publication 573. Department of Horticultural Science, University of Minnesota. St. Paul, Minnesota. 1996.

Landscaping for Wildlife and Water Quality

Henderson, Carol; Dindorf, Carolyn; and Rozumalski, Fred. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Manual of Herbaceous Ornamental Plants.

Still, Steven. Stipes Publishing L.L.C., Champaign, Illinois. 1994.

Native Plants for Northern Gardens

Snyder, Leon C. Andersen Horticultural Library, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota. 1991.

Think Clean Air Landscaping

EARTH-FRIENDLY
HOME LANDSCAPING
ALSO CONTRIBUTES
TO CLEANER AIR

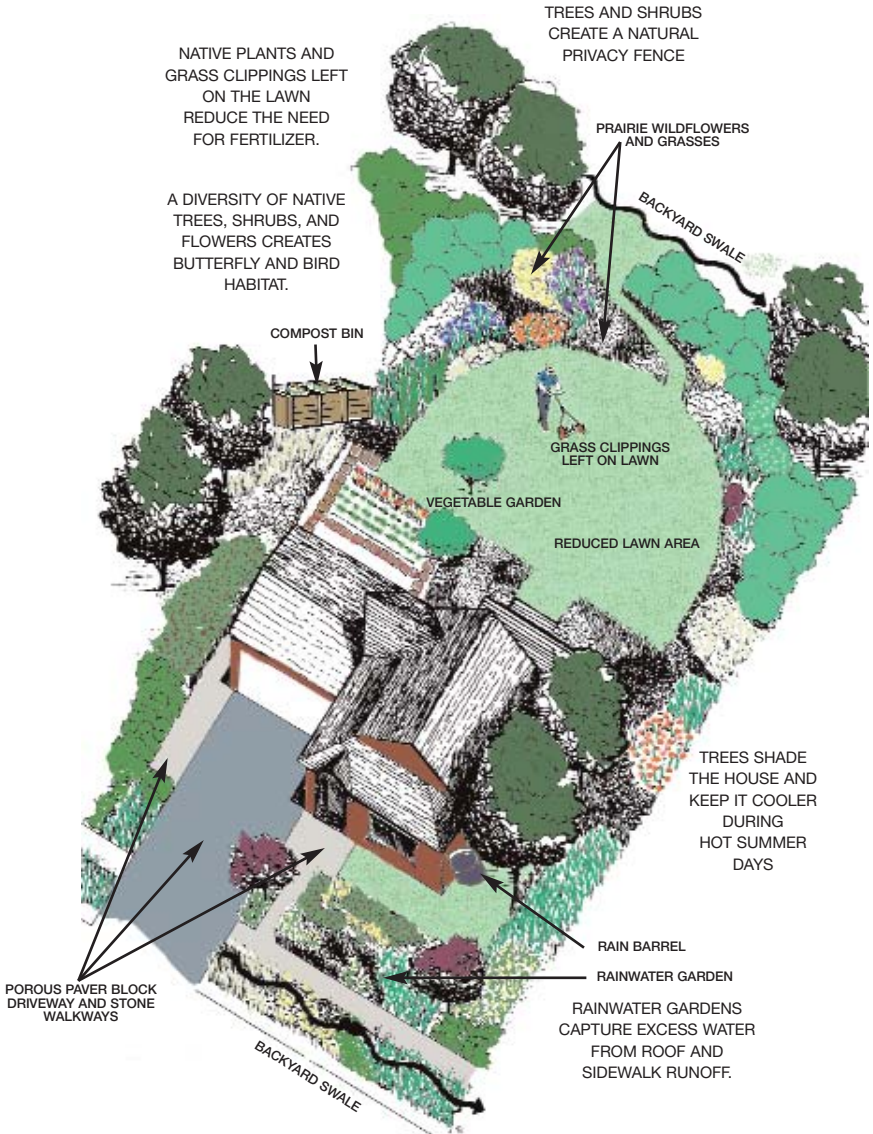
Clean air landscaping is an approach that uses innovative landscape design and maintenance to minimize air pollution. Clean Air Minnesota, a program of the Minnesota Environmental Initiative, is encouraging individuals, businesses and organizations to reduce ground-level ozone (smog) through landscape solutions. Lawn mowing, trimming and leaf blowing are big contributors to ozone pollution in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. These common landscape maintenance practices typically result in high emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which combine with nitrogen oxides, sunlight and heat to cause smog. Emissions are especially high from older, gas-powered yard care equipment – particularly from two-cycle (gas/oil mix) mowers. Old gas cans lacking spillproof spouts are also a problem. You can make a difference by implementing these practices.

For more information on improving our air quality through modified landscaping practices, see www.cleanairminnesota.org

Sign up to receive Air Pollution Alerts at <http://aqi.pca.state.mn.us/hourly/>. These e-mail messages let you know when air pollution poses a health threat.

- Do not use a gas mower, trimmer, or leaf blower on very hot days or on Air Pollution Alert days
- Mow or trim less frequently, in general, and keep equipment well-maintained
- Convert some turf to 'no-mow' vegetation, such as native grasses and wildflowers
- Replace your old gas can with a new, no-spill model
- Replace your 2-cycle mower with a 4-cycle gas mower, OR
- Replace your gas mower with an electric or reel-to-reel (push) mower
- Never burn yard waste; compost it in your backyard, use your yard waste pick-up service or drop it off at a compost site
- Talk to neighbors and friends about changing their landscaping and yard care practices

EARTH FRIENDLY HOME LANDSCAPING



Hennepin County Environmental Services

612-348-3RRR (3777): For information about **REDUCING, REUSING & RECYCLING** for residents and businesses

www.hennepin.us Key Word Search: Eco-Yard