

Why a Rebate?

Native landscaping can help improve water quality as well as conserve water and improve air quality. Incorporating native landscaping into your yard provides more efficient and friendly landscapes. Our streets connect to lakes and rivers through underground storm sewer pipes, so we can all help improve the quality of our lakes, ponds and creeks by adding these simple techniques to our landscapes.

How will I Improve Water Quality?

Capture Pollutants

Design, construction and planting of rainwater gardens and shoreland buffers help slow water runoff, capture pollutants that are in the rainwater and let the water infiltrate slowly into the ground, just like nature does. Pollutants include things like nutrients, pesticides, herbicides and soil particles.

Mitigate Erosion

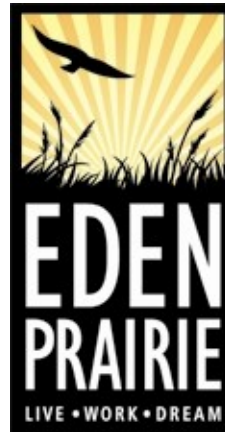
Native vegetation slows down water runoff and their longer root systems help reduce erosion and absorb extra nutrients. Bluegrass have a shorter root system and do not work well in preventing erosion.

Provide Better Wildlife Habitat

Kentucky bluegrass does not provide food or shelter for many song birds, butterflies or other wildlife. However, it is a favorite food for geese! Buffers will deter geese from entering your yard.

Why use native plants?

Native plants existed here prior to human influence. They developed naturally in Minnesota and are adapted to our soil, water, and weather conditions. Once established the area will need less irrigation, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. Less mowing is required, which is good for air quality.



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Water Conservation for our Future



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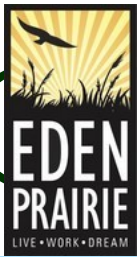
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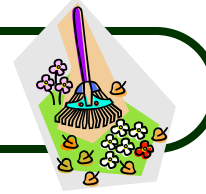
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Rebate Application Information

Applicant:

Name: _____

Contact Information:

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Project Timeline

Start: _____

End: _____

Estimated Cost of Project: (attach documentation showing basis for cost estimate)

Amount requested from City of Eden Prairie:

Apply to Water Bill: _____ Mail a Check: _____

The following **MUST** be attached to the Application:

1. Brief description of project goals.
2. Partners who will participate in the project, if any
3. Drawing of the project area in relation to the yard and home. Dimensions (size and percent of area converted), utility locations, and measurements must be included to delineate the project area.
4. List of plants proposed (common and scientific)
5. Soil test results (soil type and infiltration rate)
6. Soil improvements proposed, if needed
7. Design Assistance used to develop the plans
8. Type of irrigation that will be used.

Customer Agreement

My signature indicates that the information provided is true, I have read and understood the rebate program guidelines, and that I comply with the City of Eden Prairie rebate program requirements. I agree to maintain the project for a minimum of four (4) years and to have the project photographed annually by the City for promotion of the program. The rebate will only be distributed if funding is available at the time of application.

Signature:

Staff Approval: _____

Date: _____

Rebate Information

Who is Eligible?

- Owner-occupied single family homes on City water with non-delinquent accounts.

What is Eligible?

- Shoreland buffers planted at lake, wetland, or creek shorelines.
- Rain gardens or infiltration basins designed, constructed and planted to capture stormwater runoff

Rebate Award Conditions:

- The maximum rebate for any single project is 50% of the direct project costs up to a maximum of \$500 and is subject to the participants commitment to complete and maintain their project. Funding is limited.
- The project must start and be completed in the current calendar year.
- Payment will be issued when the project is completed and valid receipts are presented to the City.
- The project must be maintained for a minimum of four years.
- City staff must inspect the project area **before** and after installation
- If irrigation is installed in the project area, water efficient methods such as drip, soaker, micro-spray or underground irrigation must be used.
- A minimum of 75% of the plants selected for the project must be species identified on the website for Blue Thumb: Planting for Clean Water (bluethumb.org)
- All projects must be completed in accordance with City Code section 9.71 on native landscaping.