



Lawn Chair Lawn Care

Are you tired of mowing your lawn, chasing the sprinkler around the yard and spending your hard-earned money on lawn fertilizer? Instead of running in circles fertilizing, watering and mowing this fall, turn some of your lawn into a native garden. A native garden is nearly maintenance free and only needs occasional watering and weed pulling during the first few years after it is planted. With a native garden, you'll save time and money by reducing the amount you are watering, mowing and fertilizing your lawn.

The benefits of a native garden are plentiful:

Lawn Chair Lawn Care – Native plants will easily survive our harsh winters and hot summers. Once a native garden is established, it needs very little weeding, watering and mulching.; no fertilizer is required. Creating a native garden can even reduce the amount of lawn you mow and the time spent on the lawn mower.

Money Saving – Once established, native plants do not need watering, which will save thousands of gallons of water each year. You'll also save money by not buying fertilizers, pesticides and annuals. You'll also save on gas for the lawn mower by turning some of your lawn into a native garden.

Clean Water – Native plants have deep root systems that act as filters -- collecting dirty stormwater run-off from streets and rooftops. They also help absorb the stormwater runoff and decrease flooding.

Stabilize Shoreline – The deep root systems of native plants can help stabilize eroding lakeshore. The plants will also slow down incoming waves and anchor the soil in place on the shoreline.

Add Beauty to Your Landscape – Native plants will add variety and interest to your landscape with plants that bloom at various times throughout the growing season and in a number of colors and shapes.

Critter Friendly – Native gardens provide habitat and food for bees, butterflies, birds and other wildlife. Native gardens can also discourage geese from congregating and leaving their dirty mess behind.

Interested in learning more about lawn chair lawn care and native gardening? Visit www.bluethumb.org or contact Dan Miller with the Scott Clean Water Education Program at 952-492-5424 or dmiller@co.scott.mn.us.