

## Metro Blooms Offering \$10 Raingarden Workshops in Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

Metro Blooms is pleased to partner with Lower Minnesota River Watershed District to offer low-cost raingarden workshops and design assistance once again throughout the southern metro area. Learn how to manage stormwater runoff by installing a raingarden using native plants to improve water quality in our lakes, rivers and streams. Metro Blooms has offered raingarden workshops in the metro area since 2005, and more than 4,400 people have attended. Metro Blooms has more than 25 years of history promoting gardening to beautify our community and to heal and protect our environment. For more information and workshop details visit our website [www.metroblooms.org](http://www.metroblooms.org).

### 2010 Raingarden Workshop Schedule

Register at [metroblooms.org](http://metroblooms.org) or call (651) 699-2426.

#### 2010 Raingarden Workshop Part A Locations

May 6, 2010 (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)      Bloomington Public Works Bldg.      1700 W. 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington

#### 2010 Raingarden Workshop Part B Locations

May 20, 2010 (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)      Bloomington Public Works Bldg.      1700 W. 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington

The **Raingarden Workshop (Part A)** teaches landowners how to install a raingarden using native plants that don't require fertilizers or pesticides, and whose long roots help draw the water deep into the soil. **Rusty Schmidt**, a Minneapolis landscape ecologist, is the key presenter. **After attending Part A**, we recommend you follow-up with the **Part B Raingarden Design Workshop**. In a two-hour small group format, you will receive professional advice about your raingarden from Metro Blooms Landscape Design Assistants and local Master Gardeners who are trained in landscape design and horticulture. For a list of Part B Workshop dates visit our website [www.metroblooms.org](http://www.metroblooms.org).

#### 2010 Raingarden Workshop & Design Studio Locations (Combines Both A & B Workshops)

March 11, 2010 (6:00 – 9:00 p.m.)	Chanhassen Senior Center	7700 Market Blvd, Chanhassen
April 6, 2010 (6:00 – 9:00 p.m.)	Environmental Learning Center	13550 Dakota Avenue, Savage
April 27, 2010 (6:00 – 9:00 p.m.)	Chaska Fire Station – Meeting Room	285 Eagle Blvd., Chaska
May 25, 2010 (6:00 – 9:00 p.m.)	Eden Prairie City Hall – Heritage Room	8080 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie

The **Raingarden Workshop & Design Studio** is a three-hour session that combines the content of our A and B workshops. Participants will learn about watershed management, stormwater runoff, and raingarden basics including design, installation and maintenance of raingardens using native plants. In the second half of the session participants will receive hands-on assistance in planning a raingarden project from Metro Blooms Landscape Design Assistants and local Master Gardeners who are trained in landscape design and horticulture.

Space is limited. Register with a credit card at [metroblooms.org](http://metroblooms.org) or send a \$10 check payable to Metro Blooms, PO Box 17099, Minneapolis, MN 55417. Specify workshop location, and include your name, address, zip code, phone number and e-mail address. See more workshop listings at [metroblooms.org](http://metroblooms.org).