

Better Lawns & 2007 Gutters Tour

Native Plants, Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels



Saturday, August 11, 2007

**Tour & Information
Center Hours:**

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2007 Better Lawns and Gutters Tour sponsored by the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission. We thank our partners for their collaboration in planning this event: Madison Audubon Society, Wild Ones and the City of Madison. There are ten sites located in the “northern” parts of Madison.

What do native plants and rain gardens have to do with water quality? Both are beautiful, low maintenance ways for reducing stormwater runoff and the amount of nutrients, chemicals and other pollutants that are carried from our lawns, gutters and streets into our lakes and streams.

The tour information center is located at Brennan’s Market, 1422 Northport Drive, featuring ideas on how to beautify your landscape, save time and money on maintenance, attract wildlife and help our environment.

We thank the home owners and others who have welcomed us into their gardens as well as you, our “tourists,” for taking time to learn more about these simple, effective and beautiful solutions. Together, we can all make a difference in the quality of life here in Dane County, not just for us, but for generations to come.

Native plants can successfully replace all or part of a traditional lawn. Native plants are hardy, low-maintenance and a delight to the senses. They do not require frequent mowing and watering that traditional lawns do. In this year’s dry weather, native plants are one of the few green things in yards, because their roots go so deep. They are better suited to this climate and can withstand periods of drought.

Rain gardens are landscaped areas that are usually positioned near downspouts or in low-lying areas to help keep rain where it falls. By allowing stormwater to infiltrate into the ground rather than becoming runoff, rain gardens cut down on the untreated stormwater that makes its way—along with the sediment, fertilizer, oil, pet waste and other pollutants it carries—to our lakes, rivers and wetlands.

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Information Center



- 1 5310 Chinook Lane
- 2 1 Judy Circle
- 3 926 Nancy Lane
- 4 1422 Northport Drive
Brennan's Market
Information Center
- 5 13 Camino del Sol
- 6 Warner Park
- 7 1901 Manley Street
- 8 1826 Sheridan Street
- 9 1725 Sheridan Drive
- 10 2120 Fordem Avenue

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