4 IDEAS FOR A BEAUTIFUL, WATER-FRIENDLY YARD

1. LOW-MOW OR BEE-LAWN

Don’t like mowing?

Seed with a mix of fine fescue grasses!

Fine fescue grasses:

* Slow growing,
* Less mowing,
* Drought resistant

Or create a bee-lawn.

*Did you know? Bees and butterflies pollinate ⅓ of the food we eat!*

To provide nectar for bees, plant low-growing flowers like clover, thyme and self-heal in your lawn.

2. NATIVE GARDENS & PRAIRIES

Use native plants to:

* Prevent erosion
* Help water soak into the ground
* Provide habitat for pollinators, birds and wildlife

3. RAIN GARDENS

Divert rainwater from rooftops and driveways into rain gardens that catch water and soak it in.

Rain gardens replenish and filter groundwater and protect lakes and streams from stormwater pollution.

4. SHORELINES & WETLANDS

Don’t mow or build right up to the waterline.

Buffer with native plants and trees to filter runoff and hold the soil in place.

If you ENJOY clean water, do your part to PROTECT Minnesota’s water!

Get inspired!