



Now that Spring has sprung, consider the following in your landscaping and gardening practices:

Use native plants

Some plant types that grow well in one region become invasive in another region.

Choosing native plants and flowers will assist in maintaining the integrity of plant and animal life in your area.

Use safe natural fertilizers

Avoid fertilizers with pesticides that can have a negative impact on birds, fish, and other animals. In addition, pesticides often leach into groundwater, lakes, and our drinking water supply. Composting is a great and easy way to obtain natural fertilizer.

Garden for pollinators

Nationwide, pollinators play an important role for our agricultural industry. Consider attractive wildflowers and plant varieties that provide a healthy food supply for pollinators.

For more information, visit the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources online:

Landscaping with Native Plants - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/index.html>

Minnesota's Pollinators - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/pollinators/index.html>

Dakota County is also offering some upcoming workshops.

- Master Recycler/Composter Class – **Thurs, April 11-May 16**, 6:30-9 p.m. at Galaxie Library
- Landscaping for Clean Water – **Mon, April 29**, 6:00 p.m. at Eagan Civic Arena and other times/locations.

Happy Gardening!