



City of Algonac Summer 2024 Newsletter

Landscaping Tips

Usually landscaping is recognized as the unique natural feature that enhances the aesthetic view around your home. However, environmentally conscious landscaping practices have the ability to not only make your home beautiful, but also protect the rivers, lakes, and streams within your local watershed.

Stormwater from lawns, roofs, and driveways flow through storm drains and end up discharging into the watershed. The tips below help reduce the amount of runoff and pollutants that are discharged into your local watershed.

- Use rain barrels to collect rainwater for watering gardens to reduce stormwater peak flow runoff.
- Use Earth-Friendly fertilizers which contain a reduced the amount of stormwater pollutants.
- Install a rain garden with native wildflowers to capture stormwater runoff. A rain garden helps trap pollutants and improves the quality of water being discharged into the local watershed.
- Use natural mulches around your home for moisture preservation and to infuse additional nutrients to the soil. A mulching mower will finely cut grass and reduce the need for fertilizer.
- Practice composting leaves and other clippings as an organic method to improve soil quality.

For more information on landscaping tips, please visit Michigan Green Industry Association <http://www.landscape.org/>.

