



Blue Thumb Grants

Blue Thumb Grant Process

The Blue Thumb program makes it easy for Dakota County residents to plan and install native gardens, raingardens and native shorelines. To participate, just follow these easy steps:

1. Attend Blue Thumb Design workshop and develop site-specific project plans.
2. Submit an application, project plans, and cost estimate to Dakota County SWCD for approval prior to beginning installation.



Planting for Clean Water
Create beautiful plantings & gardens that work to keep water clean.

Grant Deadlines:

	Application	Project Completion*
Round 1.....	April 30 th , 2012.....	July 23 rd , 2012
Round 2	May 30 th , 2012.....	August 24 th , 2012
Round 2	July 27 th , 2012.....	November 1st, 2012

* Grant automatically expires if the project is not completed by this date

3. Schedule an on-site meeting with Dakota County SWCD prior to beginning installation.
4. Install Blue Thumb Project per approved plan and then contact Dakota County SWCD staff to verify the completed project
5. Receive \$250 Blue Thumb Grant from Dakota County SWCD.
6. Grant automatically expires if the project is not completed by the completion date.

See Blue Thumb Grant Application for more details.



Native Gardens

Raingardens

Native Shoreline Stabilization

Contact: For more information and Blue Thumb Grant application...
Call the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District at 651-480-7777