



## Urban Lands Program

The **Urban Lands Program** helps people make healthy, informed choices for their neighborhoods, communities, and watersheds. We collaborate with community partners to develop demonstration projects that showcase healthy landscaping practices.

We offer site visits, workshops, presentations, and annual events to help you get started.

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# Naturescaping



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## What is Naturescaping?

Naturescaping is the practice of using native plants to create natural landscapes that are good for people, water, and wildlife, all while helping you save time, money and energy.

Naturescaping helps create healthy, low-maintenance and sustainable outdoor living spaces. It's a simple way to reduce outdoor water use and decrease stormwater runoff and pollution.



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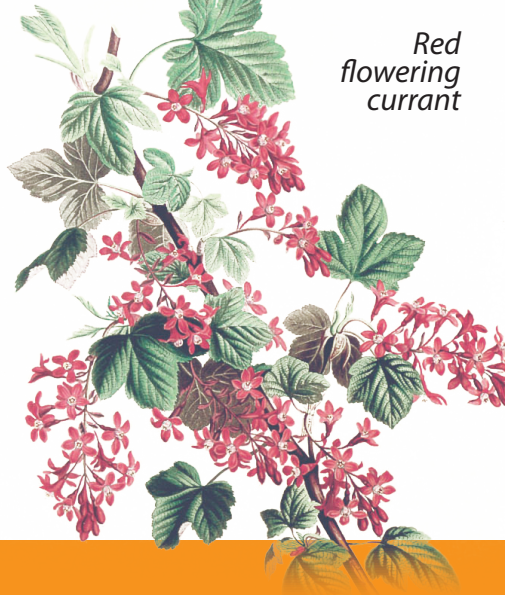


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## Naturescaping Benefits:

- Easy to create and can be very cost effective
- Ensures your outdoor living space is a healthy place for family, friends and pets
- Offers a natural approach to gardening that doesn't use toxic chemicals
- Supports the sustainability and overall health of your community



## Why native plants?

- Adapted to our climate
- Need less water and fertilizer when established
- Provide food and shelter for wildlife
- Fewer pest problems without using pesticides

## Basic Naturescaping Concepts:

- Add compost to create healthy soil
- Prevent pollution – reduce fertilizer and pesticide use
- Remove pests naturally
- Avoid mid-day watering to reduce evaporation
- Group plants with similar needs
- Use mulch to hold moisture and use less water
- Weed regularly
- Have fun!



## How can I learn more?

EMSWCD offers **FREE** workshops, annual events, tours, and presentations.

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