



Free Native Plants for School and Community Projects

Spring 2021 Application

The Dane County Land and Water Resources Department has a limited supply of **free** native plants for use in school or community projects that benefit water quality and education. These plants will be available in spring and fall each year. Spring plants are donated from community members through the Plant Dane native plant program and fall plants are grown by local volunteers.

How to Participate

For the spring cycle, applications must be submitted early in the year so that projects can be reviewed and posted on the Plant Dane native plant order website. Once your project is posted, community members will be able to donate directly to your project. Acceptance of this application does not necessarily mean the project will receive all of the requested plants. To ensure donations, you should send information out to your networks, describing your project and asking community members to donate plants. Once the donation period has ended, we will notify you and you will be able to select plants from the Plant Dane species list that meet your project needs.

Commitment

The native plants come in plug trays and should be kept moist until planting. Once in the ground, plants will need watering and care until their roots become established. Plant recipients will also be asked to write up a short summary of how the plants were used and to provide photos so we can share them with the volunteer plant growers.

Things to Consider Before you Apply

Sites that pond water or have poor drainage may not be able to support the plants provided by this program. If you have any questions or concerns about whether or not your site is appropriate for native plants or a rain garden, please contact us before submitting this application.

Application Deadlines

The **spring** application deadline is February 1, 2021. Plant Dane native plant donations will be accepted February through March 2021 and plants will be available for pick up in late May or early June.



If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact:

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(608) 228 4493

Application for Native Plants

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Community Group or School Affiliation: _____

Project Location (approx. address): _____

How many plants* would you like?: _____

(*A good rule of thumb is one plant for every 1-1.5 square feet)

**Are you working with a professional landscaper or native plant expert to design your garden?
If so, who are you working with?**

Brief description of the project and how the plants will be used?

(Please include a description of any educational and or water quality benefits)

Plants Needed: *This information will be useful for you when selecting plants.*

Suitable for (select one):

Rain Gardens  Pollinators  Butterflies/Birds 

Sun requirements: Full Sun Partial Sun Shade

(Most native prairie plants need at least partial sun—we only have a few species that will tolerate shade)

Soil moisture: Wet Medium Dry

Height: < 4 feet 4 - 6 feet > 6 feet No height preference

Commitment:

By submitting this application, you are agreeing that if you receive plants you will:

- Use the plants for the purpose described on the application
- Water and care for the plants during the first few years while their roots are becoming established.
- Provide a short write up and photos to Dane County after the project is complete.

Please Return this form to:

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