

Seasonal Garden Care



SPRING

- Remove dead plants, seeds, stalks and any decaying material.
- Thin or prune over-crowded/overgrown plants.
- Clear inlets or pipes of any obstructing materials from winter.



- Add, move, or divide plants if crowded or bare spots are visible.
- Weed mid-to-late May, before Memorial Day, or when dandelions first turn yellow.

SUMMER

- Prune decaying, unattractive, or taller plants.



- Check for erosion, ponding or flooding after big storms.
- Remove warm-season weeds by the 4th of July and late-summer weeds by mid-August.



FALL

- Remove or replace plants, especially poor-performing ones.
- Clean up leaves from garden or inlet.



- Prune shrubs and plant stalks when dormant after the first frost.
- If desired, leave native plants for winter as food and cover for wildlife.



WINTER

- Replace mulch in early winter where needed.



- Remove trash and debris.



- Avoid snow piles or chemicals like salt in garden.
- Prepare gardening tools for spring!



CRWD Recommended Native Perennials



Cardinal Flower



Sensitive Fern



Pink Turtlehead



Prairie Blazing Star



Little Bluestem



Swamp Milkweed



Blue Flag Iris



Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle



Butterfly Weed



Fox Sedge



Purple Dome Aster



Prairie Dropseed



Black-Eyed Susan



Wild Columbine



Jacob's Ladder



Wild Geranium

Refer to Blue Thumb's Plant Finder for more information on planting conditions: blue-thumb.org/plants/

Common Rain Garden Weeds



Dandelion



Crabgrass



Reed Canary Grass



Creeping Charlie



Plantain



Thistle



Prickly Lettuce



Clover

For additional information on weeds, visit "Is this plant a weed?" online at apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/weed/