

A blue-tinted photograph of a garden with various plants and flowers. The text "NATIVE GARDEN CARE" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font. A thin white horizontal line is positioned below the text.

NATIVE GARDEN CARE



What is a Native Garden?

Generally, a garden that contains primarily or exclusively native plants

Native plants are indigenous to the region before colonization

Minnesota is a mix of tall grass prairies, oak savannahs, and boreal forest, so there are a variety of ecoregions represented in our state.

How is a Native Garden different?

Goal or Purpose

Promote native pollinator species

"Low maintenance"

Aesthetics

Style

Design

"Tidiness"





Cues of Care – Order from Chaos

- Tidy edges
- Swaths of plants
- Layer by height
- Distinct pathways

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Weeding

Remove Bad Guys



- Tree seedlings
- Thistle
- Burdock
- Creeping Charlie
- Garlic Mustard

- Do we want the good guy's babies to spread? Editing out of neighbors
- Pull anything that isn't a good guy



Preserve Good Guys





NATIVE GARDEN CARE

Every element, every visit

Soil

Amend

Fill holes

Redistribute

Hardscape

Uncover edges

Edges

Rake

Mulch

Redistribute

Add

Pest/Disease

Monitor

Treat

Other

Remove debris

Pick up sticks, etc.







NATIVE GARDEN PRESENTATION

Every element, every visit

General Aesthetics

Site is neat, clean and something you're proud of

Tools removed

Debris bags stacked neatly

Trash picked up

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