


# Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation District


## Descriptions of seed and plant sale 2026.

**Seed Mixes:** We offer several seed mixes to choose from, all comprised of local-ecotype seed native to Minnesota. All seed mixes have native grass/sedge and wildflower components unless otherwise indicated. Cover crops and fillers are also included for best planting success. Seed mixes available include:


### POLLINATOR MIX

	<p><b>Description:</b> For dry to mesic site conditions. Our most diverse seed mix for pollinators with 40+ species of wildflowers including 3 or more species in each bloom season spring, summer and fall.</p> <p><b>Growth Habits:</b> 2 to 4 feet height range</p> <p><b>100 sq. ft.:</b> \$25.00</p> <p><b>500 sq. ft.:</b> \$50.00</p> <p><b>1000 sq. ft.:</b> \$75.00</p> <p><b>5000 sq. ft.:</b> \$240.00</p>
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### SAVANNA MIX

	<p><b>Description:</b> Great mix for part-sun oak savanna and woodland edge sites with 25-60% tree cover, it contains a mosaic of colors and bloom times.</p> <p><b>Growth Habits:</b> 2 to 6 feet height range</p> <p><b>100 sq. ft.:</b> \$25.00</p> <p><b>500 sq. ft.:</b> \$45.00</p> <p><b>1000 sq. ft.:</b> \$75.00</p> <p><b>5000 sq. ft.:</b> \$220.00</p>
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### SONGBRID MIX

	<p><b>Description:</b> A mix of species to provide beneficial forage and habitat for MN native songbirds based on recommendation from the Audubon Society. Best for dry to mesic soils types.</p> <p><b>Growth Habits:</b> 2 to 5 feet height range</p> <p><b>100 sq. ft.:</b> \$25.00</p> <p><b>500 sq. ft.:</b> \$50.00</p> <p><b>1000 sq. ft.:</b> \$65.00</p> <p><b>5000 sq. ft.:</b> \$185.00</p>
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## UPLAND DRY SHORTGRASS PRAIRIE MIX

	<p><b>Description:</b> Designed for dry, well-drained sites or sandy soils. Seed mix contains 9 short native grasses and 31 forb species</p> <p><b>Growth Habits:</b> 2 to 4 feet height range</p> <p><b>1000 sq. ft.:</b> \$60.00</p> <p><b>5000 sq. ft.:</b> \$175.00</p>
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## MESIC TALLGRASS PRAIRIE MIX

	<p><b>Description:</b> Mixed height (ranging from 3-6 ft) prairie for medium moisture or clay soils. Contains iconic tallgrass prairie species like Big Bluestem and Indiangrass, as well as over 15 species of forbs.</p> <p><b>Growth Habits:</b> 2 to 4 feet height range</p> <p><b>100 sq. ft.</b> \$25.00</p> <p><b>500 sq. ft.</b> \$50.00</p> <p><b>1000 sq. ft.:</b> \$60.00</p> <p><b>5000 sq. ft.:</b> \$160.00</p>
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## SEPTIC MOUND MIX

	<p><b>Description:</b> Specially designed with great species for poor-soil septic mound and drain field areas. The University of Minnesota recommends native grasses and wildflower for septic mounds to improve soil stability and provide a cover to limit frost depths.</p> <p><b>Growth Habits:</b> 1 to 3 feet height range</p> <p><b>1000 sq. ft.:</b> \$70.00</p> <p><b>5000 sq. ft.:</b> \$205.00</p>
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## LAKESHORE MIX

 A photograph showing a lush green field with yellow wildflowers in the foreground, leading to a calm body of water under a clear blue sky.	<p><b>Description:</b> Attractive mix with moisture-tolerant and emergent species that thrive near the water's edge. Mix includes shorter height grasses, more sedges, and mixed height wildflowers.</p> <p><b>Growth Habits:</b> 2 to 4 feet height range</p> <p><b>100 sq. ft.</b> \$30.00</p> <p><b>500 sq. ft.</b> \$75.00</p> <p><b>1000 sq. ft.:</b> \$115.00</p> <p><b>5000 sq. ft.:</b> \$390.00</p>
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## WOODLAND MIX


 A close-up photograph of tall green plants with yellow wildflowers growing in a wooded area.	<p><b>Description:</b> Includes a variety of native grass, sedge and wildflower species suited for moderate to dense understories with 75%-100% tree cover.</p> <p><b>Growth Habits:</b> 2 to 10 feet height range</p> <p><b>100 sq. ft.</b> \$30.00</p> <p><b>500 sq. ft.</b> \$75.00</p> <p><b>1000 sq. ft.:</b> \$150.00</p> <p><b>5000 sq. ft.:</b> \$540.00</p>
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## BEE LAWN


 A photograph of a field with green grass and purple flowers, with a line of trees in the background.	<p><b>Description:</b> Designed as a low maintenance alternative to traditional turf lawn. This is an eco-friendly mix of Fine Fescues, Dutch White Clover, Yaak Yarrow and Self-Heal. Once established this mix requires much less maintenance than a traditional lawn and is pollinator friendly. Seeding rate is approximately 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet, or 200 pounds per acre</p> <p><b>Growth Habits:</b> minimum mow height 4 inches, every other week or less.</p> <p><b>1000 sq. ft.:</b> \$90.00</p>
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**PLANT KITS:** consist of one tray containing 36 plugs of 6 different species with a cost of \$80.00 (\$2.22/plug). These will be a mix of species curated specifically for each kit. Specific plant kit species will be determined after final sale. This will ensure availability, readiness for transportation and customer satisfaction. All plants will be suitable and representative of the natives for your geographical area.

#### BACKYARD PRAIRIE KIT

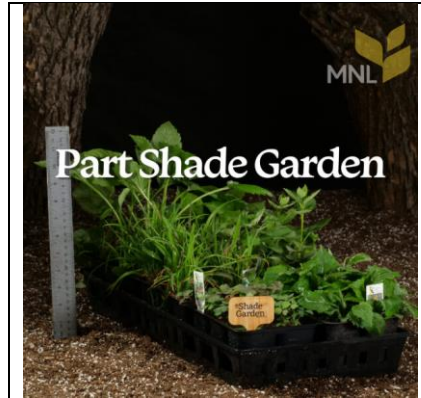
 A black plastic tray containing several green plants of varying heights. The MNL logo is in the top right corner, and the text "Backyard Prairie" is overlaid in white.	<p><b>Characteristics:</b> An attractive mix of native prairie species for your backyard, designed to be planted in smaller, contained areas without height limitations. Expect flower throughout the summer and into fall. Grows well in dry to mesic soils and full sun to partial. Heights ranging 3 to 5.</p> <p><b>Species often included:</b> Yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>), Common Milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>), Fragrant Giant Hyssop (<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>), Lance-leaf Coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>), Purple Prairie Clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>), Common Ox-eye Sunflower (<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>), Round-headed Bushclover (<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>), Meadow Blazing Star (<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>), Wild Bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>), Smooth Penstemon (<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>), Long-headed Coneflower (<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>), Gray Goldenrod (<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>), Stiff Goldenrod (<i>Solidago rigida</i>), Heath Aster (<i>Symphyotrichum ericoides</i>), Sky-blue Aster (<i>Symphyotrichum oolentangiense</i>)</p>
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#### SHORT AND TIDY KIT


 A black plastic tray containing several green plants, mostly shorter than those in the Backyard Prairie kit. The MNL logo is in the top right corner, and the text "Short & Tidy" is overlaid in white.	<p><b>Characteristics:</b> A mix of short-statured, well-behaved prairie species. Perfect for existing flowerbeds with mesic soil and full to partial shade. Blooming periods in spring and summer. Heights ranging up to 36" inches.</p> <p><b>Species often included:</b> Prairie Onion (<i>Allium stellatum</i>), Field Pussytoes (<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>), Butterfly Milkweed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>), Whorled Milkweed (<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>), Lance-leaf Coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>), Purple Prairie Clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>), Narrow-leaved Coneflower (<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>), Blanketflower (<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>), Prairie Smoke (<i>Geum triflorum</i>), Prairie Alumroot (<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>), Dotted Blazing Star (<i>Liatris punctata</i>), Wild Lupine (<i>Lupinus perennis</i>), Spotted Bee Balm (<i>Monarda punctata</i>), Slender Penstemon (<i>Penstemon gracilis</i>), Long-headed Coneflower (<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>)</p>
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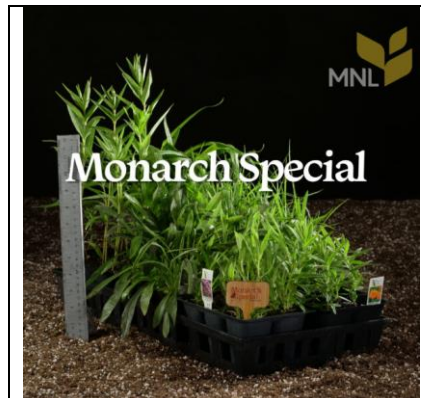
## PART-SHADE GARDEN KIT

 A photograph of a black plastic nursery tray containing several green plants in a shaded area. A white sign with the text "Part Shade Garden" and the MNL logo is placed in front of the tray.	<p><b>Characteristics:</b> Designed for areas with 50% or more shade and filtered sunlight under mature trees.</p> <p><b>Species often include:</b> Fragrant Giant Hyssop (<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>), Tall Thimbleweed (<i>Anemone virginiana</i>), Field Pussytoes (<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>), Columbine (<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>), Graceful Sedge (<i>Carex gracillima</i>), Long-beaked Sedge (<i>Carex leptalea</i>), Large-leaved Aster (<i>Eurybia macrophylla</i>), Jacob's Ladder (<i>Polemonium reptans</i>), Self-heal (<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>), Mountain Mint (<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>), Zig Zag Goldenrod (<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>), Purple Meadow Rue (<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>)</p>
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## RAIN GARDEN KIT

 A photograph of a black plastic nursery tray containing several green plants in a shaded area. A white sign with the text "Rain Garden" and the MNL logo is placed in front of the tray.	<p><b>Characteristics:</b> Designed for smaller, contained runoff area with mesic to moist soils. Perfect for areas of concentrated runoff and occasional inundation.</p> <p><b>Species often include:</b> Rose Milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>), Rattlesnake Master (<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>), Boneset (<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>), Joe-pye Weed (<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>), Northern Blue Flag Iris (<i>Iris versicolor</i>), Prairie Blazing Star (<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>), Cardinal Flower (<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>), Winged Lythrum (<i>Lythrum alatum</i>), Monkey Flower (<i>Mimulus ringens</i>), Obedient Plant (<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>), Meadowsweet (<i>Spiraea alba</i>), Blue Vervain (<i>Verbena hastata</i>), Culver's Root (<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>)</p>
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## MONARCH SPECIAL KIT

 A photograph of a black plastic nursery tray containing several green plants in a shaded area. A white sign with the text "Monarch Special" and the MNL logo is placed in front of the tray.	<p><b>Characteristics:</b> A mix of milkweed varieties to host Monarch caterpillars and fall-blooming nectar favorites for monarch butterflies.</p> <p><b>Species often include:</b> Swamp Milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>), Common Milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>), Butterfly Milkweed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>), Whorled Milkweed (<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>), Joe-pye Weed (<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>), Sweet Joe-pye Weed (<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>), Rough Blazing Star (<i>Liatris aspera</i>), Meadow Blazing Star (<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>), Wild Bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>), Stiff Goldenrod (<i>Solidago rigida</i>), Showy Goldenrod (<i>Solidago speciosa</i>), New England Aster (<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>), Sky-blue Aster (<i>Symphotrichum oolentangiense</i>), Ironweed (<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>)</p>
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## RUSTY PATCH BUMBLE BEE KIT

 A photograph of a 'Rusty Patch Bumble Bee Garden' kit. It features several small black plastic nursery pots containing various green plants. A white sign with the text 'Rusty Patch Bumble Bee Garden' is placed in front of the pots. In the top right corner of the image, there is a logo for 'MNL' (Minnesota Native Plant Society) consisting of three stylized leaves. The background is dark.	<p><b>Characteristics:</b> A collection of “superfood” species for our endangered Minnesota State Bee. Best suited for areas with dry to medium soil with lots of direct sunlight. Species heights ranging from 3 to 5 feet.</p> <p><b>Species often include:</b> Yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>), Prairie Onion (<i>Allium stellatum</i>), Lance-leaf Coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>), Purple Prairie Clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>), Pale Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea pallida</i>), Blanketflower (<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>), Prairie Smoke (<i>Geum triflorum</i>), Common Ox-eye Sunflower (<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>), Meadow Blazing Star (<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>), Wild Bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>), Showy Goldenrod (<i>Solidago speciosa</i>), Golden Alexanders (<i>Zizia aurea</i>)</p>
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## SHORELINE STABILIZATION KIT

 A photograph of a 'Shoreline Stabilization' kit. It shows several black plastic nursery pots filled with various green plants, including tall grasses and sedges. A white sign with the text 'Shoreline Stabilization' is placed in front of the pots. In the top right corner of the image, there is a logo for 'MNL' (Minnesota Native Plant Society) consisting of three stylized leaves. The background is dark.	<p><b>Characteristics:</b> Deep-rooted, wet-soil species to help prevent erosion along large bodies of water.</p> <p><b>Species often include:</b> Sweet Flag (<i>Acorus americanus</i>), Rose Milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>), River Bulrush (<i>Schoenoplectus fluviatilis</i>), Bottlebrush Sedge (<i>Carex comosa</i>), Fox Sedge (<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>), Flat-topped Aster (<i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>), Boneset (<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>), Joe-pye Weed (<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>), Sneezeweed (<i>Helenium autumnale</i>), Northern Blueflag Iris (<i>Iris versicolor</i>), Common Rush (<i>Juncus effusus</i>), Green Bulrush (<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>), Woolgrass (<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>), Steeplebush (<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>), New England Aster (<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>), Ironweed (<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>)</p>
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## WOODLAND EDGE KIT



**Characteristics:** Perfect for areas with a mix of sun and shade along tree lines and at woodland edges. Species will thrive in both direct sunlight and part shade.

**Species often include:** Fragrant Giant Hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*), Tall Thimbleweed (*Anemone virginiana*), Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), Canada Milk Vetch (*Astragalus canadensis*), Large-leaved Aster (*Eurybia macrophylla*), Sweet Joe-pye Weed (*Eutrochium maculatum*), Self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*), Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*), Sweet Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia subtomentosa*), Brown-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia triloba*), Zig Zag Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*), Calico Aster (*Symphyotrichum lateriflorum*), Purple Meadow Rue (*Thalictrum dasycarpum*), Culver's Root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)

## BUCKTHORN REPLACEMENT KIT



**Characteristics:** Aggressive species for wooded areas to help combat buckthorn.

**Species often include:** Long-beaked Sedge (*Carex leptalea*), Canada Wild Rye (*Elymus canadensis*), Bottlebrush Grass (*Hystrix patula*), Silky Wild Rye (*Elymus villosus*), Virginia Wild Rye (*Elymus virginicus*), Large-leaved Aster (*Eurybia macrophylla*), Self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*), Brown-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia triloba*), Zig Zag Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*), Calico Aster (*Symphyotrichum lateriflorum*)

## SHORT PRAIRIE GRASS KIT



**Characteristics:** : A mix of native prairie grasses. Plant on its own or use kits alongside to provide ground cover, a more natural prairie look, and support for wildflowers.

**Species often include:** Side-oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*), Blue Grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*), Prairie Brome (*Bromus kalmii*), Silky Wild Rye (*Elymus villosus*), Virginia Wild Rye (*Elymus virginicus*), Junegrass (*Koeleria macrantha*), Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)

## SONGBIRD SPECIES KIT



**Characteristics:** A mix of sturdy-stemmed, seed-producing wildflowers and grasses to provide food and habitat for your favorite Minnesota songbirds. Best suited for mesic soils and full to partial sun. Species height range from 3-5 ft tall. New for 2026

**Species often include:** Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*), Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Lance-leaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*), Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpurea*), Narrow-leaved Coneflower (*Echinacea angustifolia*), Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), Stiff Sunflower (*Helianthus pauciflorus*), Common Ox-eye Sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides*), Round-headed Bushclover (*Lespedeza capitata*), Brown-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia triloba*), Cup Plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*), Compass Plant (*Silphium laciniatum*), Stiff Goldenrod (*Solidago rigida*), Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*), New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*), Smooth Blue Aster (*Symphyotrichum laeve*)