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Boost the strength of your neighborhood by bringing your neighbors together!

Start with one block or plan a neighborhood-wide event. Whether you pick up litter from streets and alleys, clean up a vacant lot, plant flowers in public green spaces or pull weeds in your community garden, Brightside is here to help you accomplish your goals. Together, we can make St. Louis a community in which we can all be proud!

Count me in! How do I organize a Blitz Project?

To get started, talk to your neighbors, select a date, time and location for your clean-up or beautification project. You can organize a Spring, Summer or Fall event or all of the above. Register your project(s) with Brightside at least one week in advance to reserve your brooms, rakes, shovels and other hand tools and trash bags. Litter grabbers and recycling carts are also available to help make clean-ups easy and keep recyclables out of the landfill. Complete the online form at www.brightsidestl.org/blitz, use the enclosed Blitz Registration or call Brightside at 314-772-4646.

What if we want to beautify our area?

We have you covered! Groups with registered projects may also request ^{FREE} annual flower seedlings for planting on public property. Register your Blitz project and submit your Flower Request Form by April 30th to be eligible for flowers. Flowers will be available for pick-up May 4th and 5th at the Greenhouse in Forest Park.

We're cleaning up a really big area, where can we put excess trash or yard waste?

For large community projects, a roll-off container may be placed in a designated location on Friday before your scheduled clean-up and will be collected the following Monday. Clean-up organizers must make sure that only appropriate items are placed in the container – trash, yard waste and bulk items cannot be mixed together. Roll-off containers must be requested **at least 2 weeks before** your clean-up day.

What about all the tree limbs we'll have?

Brightside can also arrange to have tree limbs chipped and hauled away. Limbs can be placed in one or two designated locations accessible for large trucks to drive through (for example, at the back edge of a vacant lot, not in the middle). On Monday after your clean-up you will need to call Brightside with the locations of your limb piles. Forestry will chip limbs sometime during that week, weather permitting.

(over for more information)

Sounds great! How do I request chippers and/or roll-off containers?

Please call Gwen at Brightside 314-772-4646 or email gwen@brightsidestl.org at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements for your clean-up project.

What about bulk items? Will the City pick these up?

During your bulk pick-up week, yes! For large, bulky items (furniture, appliances, etc.) please use the regularly-scheduled monthly bulk pick-up for your area. To maximize your efforts, consider scheduling your clean-up the weekend before your bulk pick-up.

My neighbors aren't using the alley dumpsters properly, what can I do?

Share a copy of the City's Ultimate Waste Disposal Guide with them! A copy is included in this packet. It contains information about all City waste services (trash, recycling, yard waste, bulk pick-up and more). If you would like to share this information with your neighbors, call Saint Louis City Recycles at 314-772-4646 or email recycle@stlouis-mo.gov to request enough copies to distribute to your neighbors. The information in this guide will help keep your streets and alleys clean and get everyone discarding items properly. Do you need recycling info in another language? The guide is available in Spanish and we have Recycling 101 information sheets available in Spanish, Bosnian, Vietnamese and Arabic, too!

Wow, this is great, is there anything else I can do to make my neighborhood beautiful?

Yes! Be sure to mark your calendar for important Neighbors Naturescaping events—May 16th for the Kick-Off meeting and June 2nd for the St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium. Through Neighbors Naturescaping, any community group in the city may request up to \$1,500 in native plants and tools to improve a public space in their area. Even if you are not interested in applying for a greening project, the June 2nd Symposium is a great learning opportunity.

Talk with your neighbors today about organizing your own Blitz project(s). We look forward to working together to make 2018 the cleanest, greenest year yet for the city we all love!

Sincerely,



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BLITZ PROJECT REGISTRATION

Submit your request using our online form at www.brightsidestl.org

Project Information

Project Date: _____ Project Times: _____

Project Location: _____

Type of Project: _____ Clean-up _____ Beautification

Please describe your project: (ex. pick up litter in streets/alleys, plant flowers, pull weeds)

Project Leader Name: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Phone # To Reach You: _____ Alternate #: _____

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Volunteer Information

Number of volunteers expected: _____

Please identify your source of volunteers: (check all that apply)

_____ Neighborhood Residents _____ School or Church Group _____ Scout Troop

_____ Business or Company _____ Court-Ordered Community Service _____ Other

Please list the name(s) of organization(s) providing volunteers: _____

Is your project open to the public? _____ Yes, anyone can join us _____ No, only our volunteers are invited

TURN OVER TO REQUEST TRASH BAGS AND TOOLS



This activity is financed in part through an allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of St. Louis' Community Development Administration.

TRASH BAG AND TOOL REQUEST FOR BLITZ PROJECTS

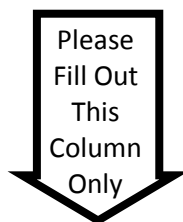
The borrower must present a state photo ID at the time of tool pick-up. A minimum \$30.00 replacement fee will be charged to the borrower for each tool not returned by the tool return date.

Tool Request Information

Date tools will be picked up: _____ Date tools will be returned: _____

Pick-up on Fridays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. **Return on Mondays** between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Help loading and unloading tools available from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. only. For tool pick-ups/returns outside of these days/hours, please make special arrangements with Brightside. Brightside is closed on holidays.



The number of trash bags and tools requested should reflect the size of your project area and the number of volunteers that will be working. For example, an alley clean-up with 10 volunteers may need 2 flat-edge shovels, 3 leaf rakes, 3 push brooms and 1 roll of trash bags.

	NUMBER REQUESTED	NUMBER BORROWED	NUMBER RETURNED	NUMBER MISSING	NOTE/COMMENT
TRASH BAGS				NA	# of 30-count rolls
PAIRS OF GLOVES					Please wash before return.
FLAT SHOVELS					
SPADE SHOVELS					
PUSH BROOMS					
LEAF RAKES					
HARD RAKES					
HOES					
TROWELS					
RECYCLING CARTS					
LITTER GRABBERS					
OTHER—SPECIFY					

Tool Borrower Name: _____ Tool Borrower Phone: _____

MO Drivers License or State ID Number: _____

I understand that I am responsible for returning all of these tools AND I will be charged a minimum of \$30.00 for each tool not returned.

BORROWER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

RETURN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

How many volunteers participated? _____ How many recycling carts were filled? _____

Blitz Blooms!

Register a Blitz clean-up to and get FREE flower seedlings to beautify your neighborhood!



It's easy to add beauty to your neighborhood!

1. **Get to know your neighbors!** Work together to participate in a neighborhood clean-up through Blitz.
2. **Register your Blitz clean-up** with Brightside by April 30th to become eligible for free flower seedlings.
3. **Select your planting area—public property only***—and recruit neighbors or other volunteers to help plant and maintain the flowers.
4. **Submit a Flower Seedling Request form** to Brightside by April 30th. Chose from two varieties—marigolds and dianthus.
5. **Pick up your seedlings** from the Greenhouse in Forest Park on May 4th or 5th.
6. **Plant** your neighborhood's seedlings and water regularly.
7. **Enjoy!!**

*medians, neighborhood entrances, street barricades, tree lawns, vacant LRA lots

To register your Blitz project and request flowers, visit Brightside online at www.brightsidestl.org, stop by our office or give us a call 314-772-4646.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.



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BLITZ BLOOMS FLOWER SEEDLING REQUEST

In May, Brightside will have free flower seedlings available for planting on public property. To be eligible for free seedlings, you must register a Blitz clean-up project with Brightside. To register a Blitz project, fill out a **Blitz Registration** form online at www.brightsidestl.org, pick up a form from our office or call us by phone.

Registered Blitz Project Information:

Have you registered a Blitz project this calendar year? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If no, please register before proceeding)

Blitz Clean-up Project Date: _____

Blitz Clean-up Project Location: _____

Blitz Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Flower Seedling Request:

Flowers are available in 200-count trays. Seedlings should be planted 6 - 8" apart in a sunny location **on public property**. Flowers must be planted and maintained by area residents or other volunteers. Please consider available water sources and volunteer commitment when making your request.

Number of Trays Requested: _____ (200 seedlings per tray)

Who will pick up your flowers from the Greenhouse?

Flower Planting Location(s): _____

Is the property caretaker (ex. Parks Dept., neighborhood) aware you are planting on this property? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(You don't want your new plantings to be removed or accidentally mowed down.)

Where is the water source? _____

How many volunteers will help plant seedlings? _____

How many volunteers will help maintain the flowers? (ex. watering, pulling weeds) _____

Please identify your source of volunteers: (check all that apply)

_____ Neighborhood Residents _____ School or Church Group _____ Scout Troop

_____ Business or Company _____ Court-Ordered Community Service _____ Other

Please list the name(s) of organization(s) providing volunteers: _____



FLOWER SEEDLING REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BRIGHTSIDE BY APRIL 30th.

FLOWERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP ON MAY 4th & 5th AT THE GREENHOUSE IN FOREST PARK.

Neighbors Naturescaping



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What is Neighbors Naturescaping?

A program offered by Brightside St. Louis to help neighborhood groups enhance their community by planting native gardens in public spaces.

What are the benefits of Neighbors Naturescaping?

- Beautify a public or not-for-profit owned space in your neighborhood
- Restore Missouri native plant communities
- Attract beneficial wildlife, such as butterflies, bees and birds
- Reduce storm water runoff and protect our drinking water



Eligible Groups

Neighborhood associations, community groups, block units, nonprofits and school groups located in St. Louis city

Eligible Planting Locations

Medians, neighborhood entrances, parks, street barricades, tree lawns, vacant LRA lots and other public spaces approved by Brightside and must be located in St. Louis city

Locations NOT Eligible

Privately-owned properties and locations outside of the St. Louis city limits

Request up to \$1,500 for...

~ Perennials ~ Grasses ~ Shrubs ~
~ Flower Bulbs ~ Trees ~ Hoses ~
~ Garden Edging ~ Shovels ~
~ Rakes ~ Other Supplies ~

Eligible expenses include Missouri native plants selected from our recommended plant list, plus hardscape materials and gardening tools from Home Depot.

Contact Brightside St. Louis

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Important Program Information

Neighbors Naturescaping 2018 Time Line

Wednesday, May 16th

- ♦ Program Kick-off begins at 5:30 p.m. at Brightside. Application packets will be distributed at this event.

Saturday, June 2nd

- ♦ Educational workshops will be held at Brightside as part of the St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium.
- ♦ Workshop registration fees will be waived for Neighbors Naturescaping applicants.

Thursday, July 12th

- ♦ Technical assistance workshop at Brightside's office from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 10th

- ♦ Project applications due by Noon at Brightside's office.

September Date TBD

- ♦ Announcement of selected projects.

September Date TBD

- ♦ Selected groups will meet Brightside staff at Home Depot to purchase their approved tools and supplies.

October 5th & 6th

- ♦ Plants, shrubs and trees will be available for groups to pick up.



- 1) Application packets include a recommended plant material list with plant descriptions and MDC educational materials. Many of the plants can be seen growing in Brightside's Demonstration Garden adjacent to our office.
- 2) ***Neighbors Naturescaping applicants are highly encouraged to attend the educational workshops offered at the St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium.*** Participation in the symposium workshops is a component of the application Judging Criteria and will be considered by the Selection Committee when making project funding decisions.
- 3) Selected projects will be provided with plants, tools and supplies, as requested in the application and approved by the Selection Committee. ***No cash awards will be given.***



Milkweeds For Monarchs **The St. Louis Butterfly Project**

Brightside is encouraging Neighbors Naturescaping applicants to consider planting a butterfly garden. Many plants on the STL Monarch Mix plant list will be available on Brightside's recommended plant list. For more information visit www.stlouis-mo.gov/monarchs

ST. LOUIS URBAN GARDENING SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2018, 9 AM-12 PM



JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF
GARDENING WORKSHOPS!

NATIVE PLANTS | ATTRACTING BIRDS
PLANT HEALTHCARE | GARDEN DESIGN | BUTTERFLY GARDENING
PRUNING | URBAN SOILS | COMPOSTING
ATTRACTING POLLINATORS | NATIVE SHRUBS & TREES
CARE & MAINTENANCE | NATURESCAPING

DEMONSTRATION GARDEN AT BRIGHTSIDE ST. LOUIS
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REGISTER AT WWW.BRIGHTSIDESTL.ORG



ST. LOUIS URBAN GARDENING SYMPOSIUM

The 2018 *St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium* will be held on **Saturday, June 2nd** in Brightside's Demonstration Garden at 4646 Shenandoah Avenue. The symposium will 50-minute workshops led by experts in their respective fields to help gardeners learn how to plan, plant and care for a neighborhood or home garden. **Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and workshops begin at 9:00 a.m.**



COST

Only \$15 per person. The fee will be waived for St. Louis city residents who are interested in Neighbors Naturescaping. More details available on the online registration page.

REGISTER

Register online at www.brightsidestl.org or call 314-400-2115. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Check the website for workshop descriptions. The first 100 people to register will receive a free gift courtesy of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

AGENDA

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8:30-9:00	Check-In/Registration			
9:00-9:55	Welcome Speaker—Scott Woodbury Practical Gardening with Native Plants			
9:55-10:05	Saint Louis Audubon Society Presentation			
Concurrent Workshops				
10:10-11:00	The Key to Good Soil & Composting 101 ^w	Designing a Garden for Small Spaces with Natives ^w	Native Shrubs & Small Trees ^w	Gardening for Birds
11:10-12:00	Plant Healthcare Philosophy	Proper Planting	Pruning Woody Plants ^w	Gardening for Butterflies
12:10-12:20	Neighbors Naturescaping Program Review for new applicants			

^w indicates walking tour of Demonstration Garden involved

Continue learning about sustainable practices after the symposium on June 2nd at the Missouri Botanical Garden's Green Living Festival!

Be a part of this year's efforts to make St. Louis a more beautiful, thriving and inviting destination!

Here are just some volunteer opportunities available for people who love planting flowers and having fun!

WHAT: **Flowers for Downtown!** In conjunction with the City Parks Dept., plant flowers around City Hall

WHEN: Saturday, May 19th
9:00 a.m. until Noon

WHERE: Along Market St. and Tucker Blvd.
Volunteer Registration @ 13th & Market St.
Meet near the Laclede Statue at City Hall

WHAT: **Brightside Demonstration Garden Beautification!** Help us keep our Demonstration Garden in tip top shape so it remains an enjoyable and educational space for all visitors.

WHEN: Thursday mornings beginning in March
9:00 a.m. until Noon

WHERE: Brightside St. Louis Demonstration Garden
4646 Shenandoah Ave, 63110

To volunteer or for more information on volunteer opportunities...

- Call: 314-772-4646
- Email: info@brightsidestl.org
- Visit: www.brightsidestl.org



Join the effort to make St. Louis a more beautiful place to live, work and visit.
This is a great way to show your pride for our community!

Thank you for your commitment to make St. Louis a better place by helping to clean up and beautify your neighborhood!

You can also make sure Brightside has the resources to continue to support neighborhood improvement efforts. Make a tax-deductible contribution today!

Every dollar donated to Brightside is used to make neighborhoods cleaner and greener.

- **Donations are used to purchase:**

- Plant material such as flowers for neighborhood gardens
- Tools and trash bags for neighborhood clean-ups
- Paint and other supplies to removed graffiti from vandalized properties



Only a portion of Brightside's funding comes from the government.

Please make Brightside one of your favorite charities on the **sixth annual Give STL Day!** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 2nd**, for this 24-hour day of online giving and join thousands of St. Louis area residents who donate to local charities. Visit www.givestlday.org to learn more.

Support Brightside today and donate
online at www.brightsidestl.org or use the enclosed envelope.

Please know that every little bit helps!
Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. We truly appreciate all that you do to help make St. Louis a better place to live, work, learn, grow and visit.



Saint Louis City Recycles is here to help!

Get your neighborhood on track with recycling by learning the “ins and outs” of recycling with the Saint Louis City Recycles Team!

- **Invite the team** to present and answer questions about recycling at your next neighborhood or community meeting.
- Students can expand their knowledge about recycling and the earth’s precious resources through the team’s **City Schools Outreach Program**.
- **Explore www.STLCityRecycles.com** to learn even more about reducing, reusing and recycling through our database and blog posts.
- **Borrow a Blitz Recycling Cart** for neighborhood clean-ups to keep bottles and cans off your streets and out of the landfill.
- **Become a Recycling Ambassador** to share info with your neighbors and volunteer with us!
- **Distribute recycling information to your neighbors.** Contact Saint Louis City Recycles to get copies of the City’s Ultimate Waste Disposal Guide, Recycling 101s (available in multiple languages), refrigerator magnets and more!

To schedule a presentation for your community or school or borrow a Blitz Recycling Cart, contact us at: recycle@stlouis-mo.gov or 314-772-4646

Recycling is a small step that makes a BIG IMPACT!
All these things can be recycled in your Blue Bin:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Plastic Bottles & Containers | • Glass Bottles & Containers | • Flattened Cardboard |
| • Metal Cans | • Paper | • Cartons |

Remember: Keep recyclables loose, clean and dry! Always flatten cardboard.
Take plastic bags and plastic film back to the grocery store for recycling.
No styrofoam!



Even more can be recycled all around St. Louis!
Search for places to “Recycle Beyond Your Blue Bin” at
www.STLCityRecycles.com/database
AND take advantage of two upcoming recycling events!

What: The Recycling Extravaganza!

Recycle electronics, Mardi Gras beads, old/unused prescription medication, lightbulbs, bikes and parts, shoes, clothing, yoga gear, carpet, medical equipment and more to be recycled or reused. On-site paper shredding, too!

Where: Forest Park Community College (5600 Oakland, Parking Lot)

When: Sunday, April 8th from 10am–2pm

Learn More at: www.stlouisearthday.org

What: *Unstash That Trash!*

Recycle electronics, old/unused prescription medication, get papers and hard drives shredded and more! Also, take part in fun educational activities with local sustainability organizations!

Where: William J. Harrison Education Center
(3140 Cass, Parking Lot)

When: Saturday, September 15th from 10am–2pm

Learn more at: www.facebook.com/unstashthattrash

