# Do you wish there were more beautiful public spaces in your neighborhood?

A **Neighbors Naturescaping** project is the perfect way to get that in your neighborhood! This **small grant program** can provide native flowers, trees, shrubs and grasses as well as hardscape material to build or enhance a garden on public property. Vacant LRA lots, existing community gardens and non-profits/institutions can benefit from the added beauty and biodiversity of a native green space. We can help you get what you need to do just that!

### BrightsideSTL.org/neighbors-naturescaping

Prepare to **fight the bite** this year by keeping your yard free of standing water. As little as a soda cap full of standing water is enough for a mosquito to lay eggs. To eliminate mosquito breeding grounds, clean, cover or toss items weekly that hold water such as gutters, planters, bird baths, toys, tires and pools.

Eliminating standing water is the easiest and safest way to keep your home and family protected from mosquitoes. Encourage neighbors to do the same and plan a Blitz clean-up to help keep your whole community healthy!

### Do your part to keep St. Louis clean and green today. Learn more at <u>BrightsideSTL.org</u>

Report graffiti in your neighborhood to the Citizens' Service Bureau at 314-622-4800.

Brightside crew will remove all graffiti we can safely access.











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### Keeping St. Louis Growing and Thriving!

Let's continue the tradition of St. Louisans working together to make our city cleaner and greener through Brightside's year-round Blitz program.

Work with your community - neighbors, block units businesses and other organizations - to keep your neighborhood clean and inviting!

Did you know that **residents are responsible for maintaining the area from the center of the street to the center of the alley** on their property? Do your part and help make a difference! Every bit helps!

### Get a group together to:

- h Pick up litter from the streets and alleys in your area.
- h Plant and maintain flowers in public spaces.
- h Organize a seasonal clean-up for your entire community.

You decide when and where to clean and beautify! Register your project with Brightside at least one week in advance to reserve hand tools (brooms, rakes and shovels), trash bags and recycling carts to use for your project. Tools are available at no charge. Be sure to a bring a vehicle large enough to transport your supplies.

#### Register your Blitz project online at <u>BrightsideSTL.org/BLITZ</u> or call Brightside at 314-772-4646

Maximize your clean-up efforts and schedule your Blitz project the weekend before your neighborhood's bulk pickup, annual house tour or other community events. **Register your Blitz project before May so you can request FREE annual flower seedlings for planting on public property.** Flower seedlings can be planted in tree lawns, barricade planters and community gardens. Blitz Blooms flowers can be picked up on designated pick-up days in May.







### Need an in-home recycling bin?

Get one at Brightside St. Louis, 4646 Shenandoah Ave., 63110 Schedule your contactless pick up today!

Visit <u>STLCityRecycles.com</u> for more info.

# Keep Recyclables:

- Loose (do not bag recycling)
- Clean (rinse and reattach lid)
- Dry (no food or liquids and be sure to close dumpster/rollcart lids to keep out rain and snow)

## Join with your neighbors to Recycle Responsibly!

Always Stick with the Six:

- Paper
- Flattened Cardboard
- Plastic Bottles & Containers
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- MetalFood&BeverageCans
- Food & Beverage Cartons

Learn more at <u>RecycleResponsibly.org</u>

Plastic bags (including trash bags), new spaper sleeves, bubble wrap, air pillows and plastic film and wrap are NOT accepted in the City's recycling.

Many stores collect these items for proper recycling.

Find a location near you at <u>PlasticFilmRecycling.org</u>



# Spring Cleaning?



Before you reach for the trash can, search our database to see if you can keep those items out of the landfill. Many places recycle clothing, electronics and much more.

## STLCityRecycles.com/database

Recycle electronics and shred confidential papers at the Operation Brightside/Earth Circle Recycling Center, 1660 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63110, *314-664-1450.* 

Computers, televisions, gaming equipment - almost anything with a cord - can be recycled. Some items have a fee.

# Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Paint thinners, pesticides and other household hazardous waste can be recycled, too! There are two locations where city residents can recycle HHW.

The first 50 pounds of material are free (Non-hazardous, latex paint costs \$0.50 per pound). Learn more and make an appointment today at <u>*HHWstl.com*</u>

## **Bulk Pick-up**

To find your monthly bulk pick-up, visit: <u>StLouis-MO.gov/my-pickup</u>or call the Citizens' Service Bureau (CSB) at 314-622-4800 or Brightside at 314-772-4646.

**Drop off unwanted items at a City Transfer Station 12 times per year.** For details visit <u>StLouis-MO.gov</u> and search "resident drop off."

**Problems?** To report any problems (e.g. dumpster overflowing, damaged container, etc.) contact the CSB at <u>*StLouis-MO.gov/CSB*</u> or call *314-622-4800.* 

Connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on recycling!

@STLCityRecycles

