

Planting Native: Inspiring Pollinator Friendly Landscapes

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Conservation District



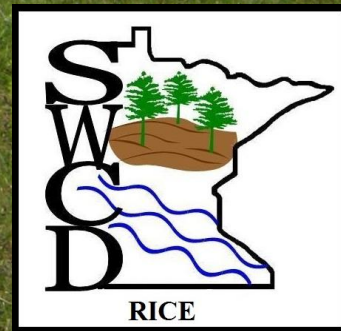
House

*Bought 2009

*Foreclosure



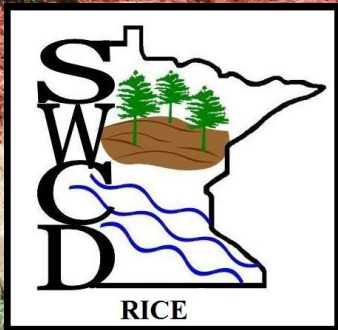
Landscaping
Needs
Help!



First Landscaping

2011

- *split plants
- *gifted plants
- *bought plants





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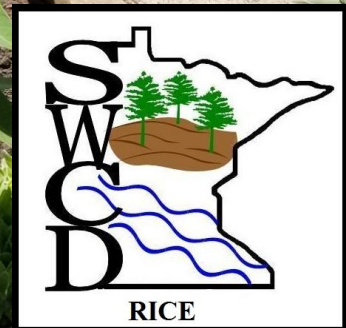
Second
Landscaping
2020

Interplanting
Natives



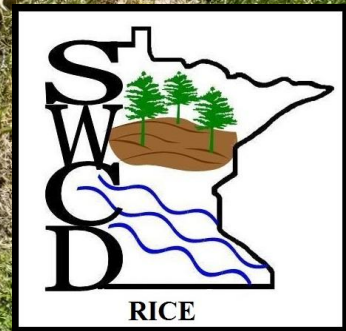
Site Preparation

- *Removed landscape fabric
- *Removed mulch
- *Removed unwanted plants
- *Added soil/compost



Other ways to prepare your site:

- *Sod removal
- *Sheet Mulching
- *Solarization
- *Cultivation
- *Frost seeding
- *Roundup, then no-till drill seed (large scale plantings)



Plant Selection

*Two plant kits

*Goal: Plants for Monarchs

*Considerations: soil moisture, sunlight,
different bloom times



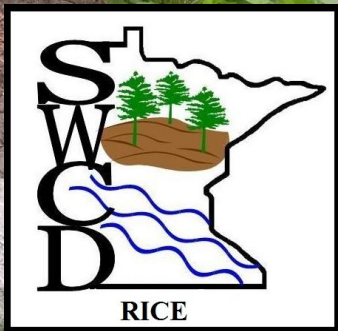
Interplanting Natives

Spaced plants
about one foot
apart

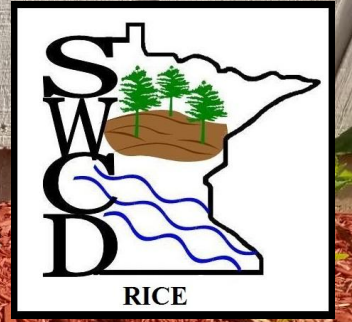


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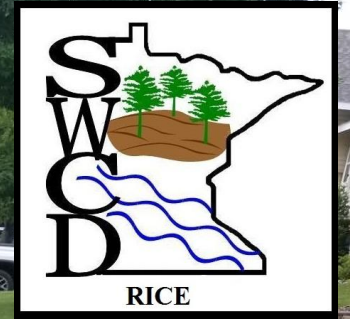
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To mulch or
not to mulch?
That is the
question!



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Benefits:

- *Looks finished
- *Reduces weed pressure
- *Keeps moisture in soil
- *Leave room around the stems



Cons:

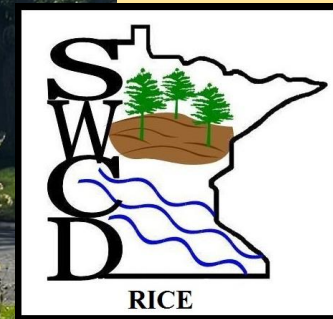
- *Harder for natives to naturally spread
- *Develops a crust
- *Cost every year
- *Some mulches made out of recycled wood and leaches chemicals into the soil
- *Still have weeds



Maintenance

- *Leave alone in the fall
- *Pollinators over winter in leaf litter, mulch, and stems
- *Spring cleanup: three consecutive nights above 50 degrees (May)
 - *Leave some stems over 8" for ground nesting bees
 - *WEEDS! WEEDS! WEEDS! All summer long





2024
Planning for More
“Pockets of Prairie”



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2024
Improve Diversity

Over the summer,
my pocket of prairie
grows until the
flowers bloom...



...and then the
pollinators come!



Watch for these Pollinators



Red Admiral



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail



Soldier Beetle



Painted Lady



Hummingbird Clearwing



Monarch



Cloudless Sulfur



Rusty Patched Bumble Bee

Enjoy Your Pocket of Prairie

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