

April MS4 Newsletter



Hello everyone!

April is Native Plant Month, and what better time to celebrate? As the weather turns warmer and we're all thinking about getting back outside and into the soil of our gardens, now is the time to be thinking about native plants. Beautiful flowers, flowering trees, tall ornamental grasses to fruiting trees, native plants provide an assortment of benefits! Aesthetically, they bring colors from reds, yellows, blues, to deep purples and more. They're hardy, and use to our soil, water, and light conditions, and thus make taking care of them easy. They also provide food and habitat for many of our native pollinators, from beautiful butterflies to hummingbirds. Be sure to check out our social media pages for examples of specific native plants!

Speaking of keeping our yards aesthetically pleasing, April 23 – 29 is National Scoop the Poop week! Picking up after our furry four-legged friends is an important part of protecting our soils and waters from bacteria (like E. coli) and excess nutrients (like phosphorus). What are your communities doing to assist your residents in scooping the poop? Think about providing dog waste stations in highly trafficked areas or provide individual bag holders and rolls of bags during a community event.

Together, we can all make our yards and communities healthy and beautiful!

