

Perennial Plant Donation Program



This event is designed to unite the Saint Paul gardening community and give gardeners an opportunity to donate their divided and transplanted perennials to the City of Saint Paul's Blooming Saint Paul program. On the second Wednesday of June, July, August and September, there will be opportunities to donate perennials at the Downtown Parks Maintenance Facility. Listed below are the details for the Perennial Donation Program.

When: June 9, July 14, August 11, & September 8, 2010; 7am-6:30pm

Where: Downtown Parks Maintenance Facility

Address: 83 Water Street West, Saint Paul, MN 55107-2047

Directions: From downtown Saint Paul, head south over the Wabasha Avenue Bridge and take a right onto Water Street. Continue about 75 yards and end at 83 Water Street West (on your right) where you will see a fenced-in property with a trailer and sheds. Drive in and look for the 'Blooming Saint Paul Perennial Donation Program' sign.

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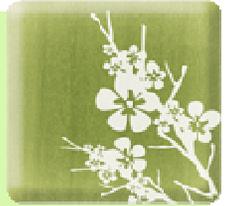
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Blooming Saint Paul's Perennial Plant Donation Program



*A community perennial plant
donation program to help
beautify the City of Saint Paul*



Blooming Saint Paul



Started in 2003, Blooming Saint Paul is a comprehensive initiative to revitalize Saint Paul's downtown and neighborhoods through lush and colorful landscape elements. It focuses on creating an attractive, safe, and healthy city where people choose to live, work and play. As of 2009, Blooming Saint Paul's plan encompasses over 60 sites. Blooming Saint Paul, in partnership with the Saint Paul Garden Club and Ramsey County Master Gardeners, presents the annual Golden Bloom Awards. There are seven award categories which are given to gardens in Saint Paul city limits.

Importance of Program

The Blooming Saint Paul program's goal is to help beautify Saint Paul's downtown area as well as its neighborhoods. This perennial donation event is designed to provide many benefits to the Saint Paul community. Community members can help enhance their neighborhood landscape by donating perennials that would be planted throughout the City. Blooming Saint Paul would increase its stock of perennial plants that have lived and thrived in residential Saint Paul gardens. Increasing perennial plants in the landscape decreases the amount of water that is needed as perennial plants use less water than annual plants. Overall, this perennial donation program will help the Saint Paul community connect to the Blooming Saint Paul Program and assist in beautifying the City.



Transplanting Tips

Listed below are some recommended steps for digging up and dividing your perennials.

- **Step One.** Water the perennial the day before transplanting to allow the plant to stock up on water. Cut back tall plants.
- **Step Two.** Gather your tools and the container or bag you will put the transplanted perennial in.
- **Step Three.** Dig up your perennial. Be sure to dig a hole at least six inches around the crown of the plant or around the plant's drip line (where water falls off of the plant's edges). Work your shovel under the plant to sever the roots and bring up the root ball. Clumping perennials like daylilies and asters have a crown. This crown should be dug up completely and then divided. For spreading perennials like phlox, you can dig up just the part of the plant you want while leaving the rest of the plant in the ground.
- **Step Four.** Divide the plant. Clumping perennials need to be divided. Use a knife, pitchfork or spade to divide the plant. Get rid of any diseased or broken transplants.
- **Step Five.** Remove any weeds and weed roots from the perennial and soil.
- **Step Six.** Place your transplanted perennial in a pot, container or plastic bag and keep it in a cool, shaded place until it is time to transport the plant to the donation site.



Plant List

These are the plants that the Blooming Saint Paul Program will accept for 2010.

1. Bergenia – *Bergenia* any variety
2. Cone flower – *Rudbeckia fugida* 'Goldsturm'
3. Cone flower – *Echinacea purpurea* 'Magnus', 'Kims Knee High', 'White Swan'
4. Coral bells – *Heuchera* any variety
5. Lily – *Lilium asiatic* or *oriental*; any dwarf under 18" in height
6. False spirea – *Astilbe japonica*, any variety
7. Helenium (common sneezeweed) – *Helenium autumnale*, any variety
8. Prairie dropseed – *Sporobolus heterolepis*
9. Tufted hair grass – *Deschampsia cespitosa* 'Northern Lights' or 'Schottland'
10. Savlia – *Salvia x sylvestris* 'May Night'

Plants should be delivered *weed-free* in a pot, container or a plastic bag. Any variety from the plant species listed above will be accepted.



Other Ways to Volunteer

To find out other ways you can volunteer with Blooming Saint Paul and Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, just visit the City website, www.stpaul.gov, and type in the search bar 'Start Gardening'. Here you can find the on-line volunteer application. Available volunteer positions include Garden Steward, Park Steward and Public Art Steward.

