



Thank You



for being a part of 40 years of cleaning and greening
St. Louis! Your commitment makes a better St. Louis
for all of us!

In 2022, we need your help to reach our 40th Anniversary goals:

Complete 400 neighborhood clean-ups

Engage 4,000 volunteers

Plant 40,000 daffodils

Plant 40,000 marigolds

Plant 40,000 dianthus

Plant 40,000 celosia

Remove 40,000 sf of graffiti

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[BRIGHTSIDESTL.ORG/DONATE](https://brightsidestl.org/donate) OR USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE**

**Mark your calendars for GIVE STL DAY on MAY 5th
and make your gift go even further! Learn more at [GIVESTLDAY.ORG](https://givestlday.org)**



Please know that your support of Brightside makes
St. Louis grow and thrive! We thank you!

YOU CAN BE A PART OF MAKING ST. LOUIS A MORE BEAUTIFUL, THRIVING AND INVITING DESTINATION!

4 Ways You Can Help Us Achieve Our Goals:

1. Donate \$4, \$40 or \$400 to help us purchase 40,000 daffodils
2. Recruit your neighbors to clean up the street, alleys and vacant lots on your block to help us complete 400 neighborhood clean-ups
3. Organize your co-workers to participate in a community service project to help us engage 4,000 volunteers
4. Commit to 40 minutes of community service every week
 - Go for a walk with a friend and pick up litter in your neighborhood
 - Help weed your local community garden. Don't have a local community garden? Work with your neighbors to plan and care for a Neighbors Naturescaping garden
 - Plant Brightside flowers in the spring and daffodils in the fall
 - Become a Recycling Ambassador and educate your neighbors about recycling
 - Volunteer in Brightside's Demonstration Garden (Thursday mornings March - October, 9am-11am.)

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

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

Thank you for joining the effort to make St. Louis better!





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Making St. Louis a Better Place for 40 Years!

For 40 years now, we have been working together to help keep city neighborhoods clean and looking their best. Join the effort and help keep your neighborhood clean! Start with just your block or organize something for your neighborhood. However you get started, Brightside has the tools to help you clear litter from your street and alley, clean up a vacant lot, plant flowers in public green spaces, pull weeds in your community garden and more. Together, we're making St. Louis a city in which we can all be proud!

First things first... Organize a Blitz Clean-up!

First, talk with your neighbors and then select a date, time and location for your clean-up or beautification project. Organize a Spring, Summer or Fall clean-up or one each season to keep your neighborhood in tip top shape. Register your project(s) with Brightside **at least one week in advance** to reserve brooms, rakes, shovels and other hand tools and trash bags -- for free! 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 BrightsideSTL.org/Blitz, use the enclosed Blitz Registration or call Brightside at 314-772-4646.

Did you know... You can request flowers for your neighborhood too?

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 May 6th to be eligible for flowers. Flowers will be available for pick-up during designated hours on May 13th and May 14th at the Greenhouse in Forest Park.

If you're cleaning up a very large area... avoid overloading alley dumpsters!

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 in writing **at least 2 weeks before** your clean-up day and cannot be used for private property projects.

If you are cutting back tree limbs... pile them up so they can be hauled away!

Brightside can also arrange to have tree limbs chipped and hauled away when you notify us in advance. 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 during that week, weather permitting. **This service is not for private trees.**

(Over for more information)

Don't forget... make arrangements for roll-offs and/or chippers at least two (2) weeks in advance!

Please email Gwen at gwen@brightsidestl.org at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements for your clean-up project. Also, it's helpful if you note the exact location of where you need a roll-off container placed in the "additional notes" section of our online Blitz Registration form. We will contact you with any issues and confirm your roll-off container or chipper.

If there will be bulk items cleaned up... schedule your Blitz right before your Bulk Pick-up Week!

Maximize your efforts by scheduling your clean-up the weekend before your bulk pick-up. This way, large, bulky items (furniture, appliances, etc.) can get picked up during the City's regularly-scheduled monthly bulk pick-up for your area. It couldn't be easier!

Sometimes the wrong things end up in the alley dumpsters... we have a guide for that!

Share a copy of the City's *Ultimate Waste Disposal Guide* with your neighbors! This guide is available online in English and Spanish. 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, visit STLCityRecycles.com/Downloads, call Saint Louis City Recycles at 314-772-4646 or email recycle@stlouis-mo.gov to request a physical copy. The information in this guide will help keep your streets and alleys clean as well as explain how to properly dispose of items.

Do you need recycling info in another language? We have Recycling 101 information sheets available in Spanish, Mandarin, Bosnian, Vietnamese and Arabic, too!

If you want to learn how to beautify your neighborhood even more... don't miss these events!

Be sure to mark your calendar for important Neighbors Naturescaping events – May 12th for the Kick-Off meeting and June 4th 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 or nonprofit space in their area. Even if you are not interested in applying for a greening project, the June 4th Symposium is a great opportunity to learn about the importance of pollinators and native plants in our urban environment from our special guest presenters: Gerardo Camilo, Ph.D., Biology professor at Saint Louis University and Scott Woodbury, Horticulture Manager at Missouri Botanical Garden's Shaw Nature Reserve.

Talk with your neighbors today about organizing your Blitz project(s) to keep your neighborhood looking its best. We look forward to working together in 2022 to keep St. Louis city growing and thriving!

Sincerely,



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BLITZ PROJECT REGISTRATION

Submit your request using our online form at brightsidestl.org/blitz

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



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TRASH BAG AND TOOL REQUEST FOR BLITZ PROJECTS

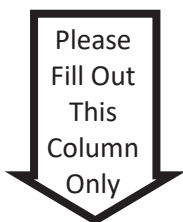
The borrower must present a state photo ID at the time of tool pick-up. A minimum \$30.00 replacement fee will be charged to the borrower for each tool not returned by the tool return date.

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 at 3:00 p.m. For tool pick-ups/returns outside of these days/hours, please make special arrangements with Brightside. The Brightside office is closed on weekends and 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 (rolls)				NA	25 bags per roll.
PAIRS OF GLOVES					Please wash before return.
LITTER GRABBERS					
PUSH BROOMS					
FLAT SHOVELS					
SPADE SHOVELS					
LEAF RAKES					
HARD RAKES					
HAND WEEDERS					
HAND TROWELS					
RECYCLING ROLL CARTS					Rollcarts are 32 gal. in size.
OTHER—SPECIFY (safety vests, buckets, etc.)					

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 INITIALS** _____ **DATE** _____

For Office Use Only:

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

BLITZ BLOOMS

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

1. **Work together!** Organize your neighbors to participate in a Blitz clean-up.
2. **Register your Blitz clean-up** with Brightside by May 6th 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 Blitz Blooms Flower Seedling Request** online or via mail to Brightside by May 6th. We will have marigolds, dianthus and celosia.
5. **Pick up your seedlings** from the Greenhouse in Forest Park during designated hours on May 13th or 14th.
6. **Plant** your neighborhood's seedlings and water regularly. Don't forget to regularly remove all weeds and trash from your garden areas.
7. **Bask in the beauty!**

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

To register your Blitz project and request flowers, visit Brightside online at BrightsideSTL.org/Blitz, email info@brightsidestl.org 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 BrightsideSTL.org/Blitz, request 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): _____

_____ dianthus _____ marigold _____ celosia

Name of person picking up flowers from Greenhouse: _____

Flower Planting Location(s): _____

Is the property caretaker (E.g. Parks Dept., neighborhood) aware you are planting on this property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(This is important so your new plantings do not get 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? (E.g. watering, pulling weeds) _____

Please identify your source of volunteers and name any organizations providing volunteers: (E.g. residents, church group, business) _____

FLOWER SEEDLING REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BRIGHTSIDE BY MAY 6th.
FLOWER PICK UP DAYS ARE MAY 13th & 14th AT THE GREENHOUSE IN FOREST PARK.

NEIGHBORS NATURESCAPING

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.



REQUEST UP TO \$1,500 FOR...

Perennials | Grasses | Shrubs | Flower Bulbs | Trees

Hoses | Garden Edging | Shovels | Rakes | Other Hand Tools

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

What are the benefits of Neighbors Naturescaping?

- Beautify a public or visible nonprofit 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



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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 and nonprofits approved by Brightside.

Must be located in St. Louis city

LOCATIONS NOT ELIGIBLE

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

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IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

NEIGHBORS NATURESCAPING 2022 TIME LINE

THURSDAY, MAY 12

- Program Kick-off meeting.
- Application packets also available that day.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

- Learn from the native plant and pollinator experts at the St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium (SLUGS).
- No charge for Neighbors Naturescaping participants and volunteers.

JUNE 20 - JULY 1

- Technical assistance appointments with Brightside. (Please schedule in advance.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

- Project applications due by Noon at the Brightside office.

SEPTEMBER

- Announcement of selected projects.

SEPTEMBER

- Selected groups will coordinate with Brightside staff to purchase approved tools and supplies from Home Depot.

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1

- Plants, shrubs, trees and bulbs will be available for groups to pick up at the Greenhouse in Forest Park.



1. Application packets include a recommended plant material list with plant descriptions and links to MDC educational materials. Many of the plants can be seen growing in Brightside's Demonstration Garden adjacent to our office.
2. Neighbors Naturescaping applicants (project leaders and volunteers) are highly encouraged to attend the 2022 St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium. Participation in the symposium is a component of the Judging Criteria considered by the Selection Committee in 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.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.

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ST. LOUIS URBAN GARDENING SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, June 4th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Featuring:

Gerardo Camilo & Scott Woodbury

BEES | NATIVE PLANTS | BIRDS

SOIL COMPOSITION | POLLINATORS | PLANT SALE

Demonstration Garden at Brightside St. Louis

4646 Shenandoah Ave., 63110

**limited virtual participation available*

REGISTER AT BRIGHTSIDESTL.ORG

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ST. LOUIS URBAN GARDENING SYMPOSIUM

The 2022 St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium will be held on Saturday, June 4th in Brightside's Demonstration Garden at 4646 Shenandoah Ave. The symposium will feature two special guest speakers leading hour-long presentations. We're pleased to have **Gerardo Camilo**, Ph.D., Biology professor at Saint Louis University and **Scott Woodbury**, Horticulture Manager at Missouri Botanical Garden's Shaw Nature Reserve join us this year! These two presentations will be offered virtually as well.

Following these special presentations, two 30-minute workshops led by experts in their respective fields will help gardeners learn how to plan, plant and care for a neighborhood or home garden. There will be opportunities to "Ask the MO Dept. of Conservation (MDC) Experts" between sessions and to purchase native plants after the workshops.



Event Cost: Only \$10

Register online at BrightsideSTL.org
or call 314-772-4646

Space is limited! Be sure to register early!

Neighbors Naturescaping participants and volunteers are encouraged to attend and can take part in this event at no cost. Reserve your spot by calling Brightside directly at 314-772-4646.

SCHEDULE:

8:30 a.m. -- Check-in

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. -- Special Presentation by Gerardo Camilo*

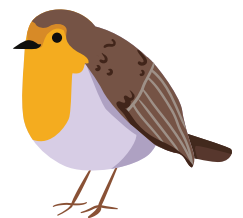
10:10 - 11:10 a.m. -- Special Presentation by Scott Woodbury*

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. -- Concurrent Workshops:

Gardening for Birds & Bees | Plant Healthcare & Soil

11:45 a.m. -- Native Plant Sale & "Ask the MDC Experts"

*Special Guest Presentations can be attended virtually.





St. Louis City Recycles is here to help you and your neighbors recycle responsibly!

Small steps to recycling responsibly will have a **BIG IMPACT!**

Always Stick with the Six!



Paper



Flattened
Cardboard



Plastic Bottles &
Containers



Glass Bottles
& Jars



Metal Food &
Beverage Cans



Food & Beverage
Cartons

Remember: Do NOT bag your recycling. Keep recycling loose, clean and dry!

Always flatten cardboard.

Take plastic bags and wrap back to your local grocery or retail store.

Find a store near you at PlasticFilmRecycling.org.

Let's Connect!

- **Invite Saint Louis City Recycles** to present and answer questions about recycling during your next neighborhood or community meeting.
- Students within St. Louis City limits can expand their knowledge and passion for recycling through our **City Schools Recycling Program**. We can provide a virtual presentation and deliver all the tools for a school to recycle responsibly.
- **Follow us on social media** and share with your neighbors, family and friends our #TrashTipTuesday, #WhatNOTToDoWednesday and #FastFactFriday posts. Find us @STLCityRecycles on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and NextDoor.
- **Explore STLCityRecycles.com** to learn more about reducing, reusing and recycling. Find places to recycle "Beyond the Blue Bin" by searching our database and delve into our informative blogs to learn even more.
- **Become a Recycling Ambassador** and share recycling information with your neighbors and learn about volunteer opportunities. As an Ambassador, we ask you to share recycling materials with your friends and neighbors and answer common recycling questions.
- **Borrow a Blitz Recycling Rollcart** for your neighborhood clean-ups! This will help keep empty bottles and cans out of the landfill.

Recycle responsibly and reduce waste in St. Louis!

Item not accepted in the Blue Bin?

Find a place to accept it is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Visit STLCityRecycles.com/database

Recycle Beyond Your Blue Bin

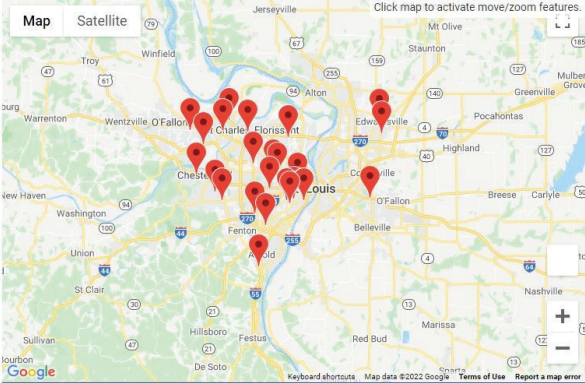
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2. Type in the item you would like to dispose of.

[Reset Search](#)
Household
Clothing
Keywords: Clothes, Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Jeans, Shirts, Jackets, Sweaters, Dresses

3. Enter your zip code to see locations that accept your item. Contact that location if you have any questions or concerns.

Household
Clothing
Find Places That Reuse or Recycle This Item

[Search](#)
Keywords: Clothes, Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Jeans, Shirts, Jackets, Sweaters, Dresses
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What: Hazardous waste collection facilities that accept household hazardous waste (HHW).

Examples: paints, oils, car batteries, fire extinguishers, cleaning agents and more!



Who: St. Louis City residents can dispose of the first 50 pounds of waste at no charge. Fees will be charged for HHW after 50 pounds. Residents can go once per day with a reservation.

How: visit www.HHWstl.com for more information and to make your reservation.

City residents have access to 25+ recycling dropoff locations that are open 24/7!

Find a location near you at:

STLCityRecycles.com/Dropoff



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