**ECCO Grant Program for**

**Raingarden Plant Materials/Rain Barrel/Compost Bin**

**Guidelines**

1. **Eligible Applicants:** Residential properties in the ECCO neighborhood.
2. **Grant Amounts:** One-time grant of a maximum of $100 per property for the purchase of plant materials for a residential raingarden, and/or purchase of a rain barrel for home use, and/or purchase of compost bin for residential use (with available funds). The grant recipient must pay any costs in excess of $100. Grant amount cannot exceed total cost.
3. **Eligible Products:** Plant materials for a residential raingarden; rain barrel for residential use or compost bin for residential use. Note: a copy of the raingarden design created by a professional designer must accompany the application.

**How Does the Program Work?**

1. Resident purchases raingarden plant material, rain barrel and/or compost bin for residential use.
2. ECCO strongly encourages resident to become educated about the proper use and installation of rain barrel to protect against flooding into your basement as well as winterization techniques. Education about compost bins is also encouraged to mitigate odor and animal problems and to learn about what you can and cannot safely compost.
3. Complete the **ECCO Raingarden Plant Material/Rain Barrel/Compost Bin Grant Application.** Attach a copy of the receipt of payment. Mail to:

   ECCO Neighborhood Association
   Grant Program
   2751 Hennepin Ave., Box 13
   Minneapolis, MN  55408

   4. Reimbursement will be paid on a first-come, first-served basis as funds are available. A check from ECCO NRP made out to the resident will be mailed within 4 weeks.

**ECCO Raingarden Plant Material/Rain Barrel/Compost Bin Grant Application**

Resident’s Name (please print): _______________________________________________________

Property Address: ________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________Email address:___________________________________________

   o  Raingarden Plant Material Cost: $____________
   o  Rain Barrel Cost: $___________
   o  Compost Bin Cost: $____________

   Reimbursement Request
   $100 maximum, with available funds $____________

Resident’s signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ______________

**Required:** Attached copy of receipt of payment. A copy of the raingarden design created by a professional designer must accompany an application for the raingarden plant material grant.

*If you have any questions, please contact Monica Smith at 612-821-0131.*

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