

Dear Neighborhood Residents,

It has been an amazing summer so far for our plants with plenty of rain and some nice heat to accelerate their growth. We will continue watering, weeding, and maintaining the gardens through the end of the season. This includes cleaning the inlets to the gardens, adding mulch as needed, and maintaining the sandbags.

Sandbags

All the rain garden inlets are currently blocked with sandbags to protect the new plants from large storm events. Sandbags will be left in place through the fall leaf clean up and will be removed before the first snow. Please do not disturb sandbags and call 311 if they appear missing or damaged.

Boulevard maintenance and responsibility

A reminder that boulevard maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Our recent restoration in the boulevards included only the rain garden basins and not the boulevard areas. Minneapolis Surface Waters and Sewers will continue to maintain the rain garden basins going forward. Any remaining boulevard areas between the street and sidewalk that were not mulched and planted will not be maintained by the City and will be the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.



City responsibility

Restored rain garden basin, will be maintained by City and contractor



Property owner responsibility

Maintained boulevard, responsibility of adjacent property owner

What is allowed in the boulevard without a permit?

- Sod
- Turf grass
- Flowers less than 36 inches tall
- Flowers less than 18 inches tall (if within 20 feet of an intersection, alley, or driveway)

Find additional information on right-of-way [here](#).

Watering

We have had plenty of rain this season, so watering has not been an issue. Our contractor, Natural Shores supplements rainfall with watering to achieve a minimum of 1 inch per week. This will continue through the 2025 growing season to ensure plant survival and project success.

What can you do?

- Pick up any trash you notice in rain gardens
- Visit the project page [here](#)
- Call **311** for any concerns
- Contact the SWS Regulatory section team at waterresources@minneapolismn.gov or paul.chellsen@minneapolismn.gov