



FACT SHEET

Lovely Lakescaping

Lakescaping is simply landscaping along lakefront properties that minimizes traditional grass lawns and maximizes natural plantings of native flowers, grasses, trees and shrubs. This helps protect our Grand Traverse Bay water quality.

Benefits of lakescaping:

- ◆ Reduces lawn maintenance to free up more leisure time
- ◆ Costs 48% less than traditional grass lawns
- ◆ Increases property value
- ◆ Attracts beautiful birds, butterflies and wildlife
- ◆ Prevents shoreline erosion
- ◆ Filters pollutants that degrade water quality, such as phosphorus and sediments

How to lakescape:

- ◆ Use Grand Traverse Bay water quality as a sound excuse to spend lots of money at the gardening store!
- ◆ Plant native plants, which have longer roots to absorb more runoff and pollutants, reduce erosion, and need little if any fertilizer, pesticides and maintenance. Some varieties include Purple Coneflower, Black-Eyed Susans, Dwarf Lilacs, River Birch and Juniper.
- ◆ Consult experts at local nurseries