

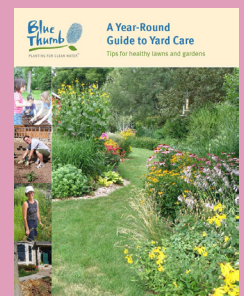
## MS4 Toolkit goes LIVE!

[www.cleanwatermn.org/MS4toolkit](http://www.cleanwatermn.org/MS4toolkit)

Last week the MS4 education toolkit officially went live on the Clean Water MN website. The website includes brochures, newsletter articles, fact sheets, utility bill inserts, posters, training videos, surveys, case studies and more to help cities, counties and watersheds educate their staff and the public about stormwater pollution.

Educational materials are available in the following categories:

- 1) Public education and participation
  - \*Streets to streams
  - \*Landscaping for clean water
  - \*Groundwater and drinking water
  - \*Shorelines
  - \*Wetlands
- 2) Illicit discharge detection and elimination
  - \*Motor vehicle care
  - \*Household waste disposal
  - \*Septic systems
  - \*Staff training manuals
- 3) Construction site runoff control
- 4) Post construction stormwater management
  - \*LID
  - \*Better Site Design
  - \*Smart Growth
  - \*Conservation Development
- 5) Pollution prevention in municipal operations
  - \*Parks and grounds maintenance
  - \*Raingardens and maintenance
  - \*Streets and public works



Along with the on-line materials, a kit will be available at the Washington Conservation District office for EMWREP partners to use and peruse. The kit includes a DVD of the parks and raingarden maintenance training videos filmed last summer and a pop-up banner to use at special events - "What color will kids be coloring lakes in the future?" - as well as examples of the new "Blue Thumb guide to year-round yard care" manual, the new "Save the walleye, then eat 'em" drink coasters, IDDE and construction site posters and BMP flash cards. Please let me know if you would like to use any of these materials!

## 56 attend latest Stormwater U - Stormwater Pond Excavation

On May 6, EMWREP sponsored a Stormwater U workshop on stormwater pond excavation for public works and MS4 staff from the east metro area.

During the workshop, staff learned how to measure the amount of sediment that has accumulated in a storm pond, how to take a core sample, and how to safely dispose of potentially contaminated sediment.

Proposed topics for future Stormwater U workshops include infiltration design and maintenance, IDDE and winter street maintenance.

## You are invited to enjoy "A View from the St. Croix River"

On Wednesday, June 17 from 5-9pm, we will set sail on the St. Croix River to take part in an innovative educational experience. This floating workshop will be a collaborative effort of EMWREP, WCD, MSCWMO, the St. Croix Partnership Team and Northland NEMO.

Elected officials, planning commission members, watershed representatives and city staff from communities within the St. Croix Basin are invited to join us to learn about special characteristics of the St. Croix, threats to the river, and planning and best management practices that can help to protect the river. ***This workshop is for all communities in the greater St. Croix watershed, not just those along the river.***

In addition to viewing key sites along the Lower St. Croix, participants will handle water monitoring equipment, examine live fish and mussel species, and have the opportunity to meet and network with people from other communities.

***Look for an e-invitation soon!***

## EMWREP calendar of events for May-June 2009:

### Non-Point Source Pollution Education Conference -

May 11-14, Portland, Oregon

Angie will be presenting on EMWREP and Blue Thumb

### OHA Field Days -

Fri., May 15, 9am-3pm at OHA Elementary in Mahtomedi

### Valley Creek Women's Club Plant Exchange -

Wed., May 20, 6:30-7:30pm in Afton

### Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale -

Sun., May 31 at Washington County Fairgrounds

### Pond Exploring Family Outing -

Tue., June 2, 6-7pm at Cottage Grove Ravine Park

RSVP to Angie at [algoodri@hotmail.com](mailto:algoodri@hotmail.com)

### West Lakeland Twp Board Meeting -

Mon., June 8, 8-9pm

### Oakdale Farmers' Market -

Wed., June 10, 3-7pm

### Blue Thumb Neighborhood Party -

Sunnyside Marina - Date TBD

## By the numbers -

## Blue Thumb spring workshops

Carpenter Nature Center - 14

Forest Lake (2) - 44 total

Stillwater - 21

Cottage Grove - 13

Lake Elmo - 37

**129 total participants!**

## Members of the East Metro Water Resource Education Program:

Brown's Creek Watershed • Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed • Cottage Grove  
• Dellwood • Forest Lake • Lower St. Croix Watershed • Lake Elmo • Middle St.  
Croix Watershed • Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed • Rice Creek Watershed  
• Stillwater • South Washington Watershed • Valley Branch Watershed • Willernie  
• West Lakeland • Washington Conservation District • Washington County

