

# Conservation Links

## Lawncare/Gardening/Landscaping

[Hort in the Home Landscape: A blog devoted to sharing timely horticulture topics and answering the questions of gardeners and homeowners.](#)

[HortAnswers: Learn more about the plants and their problems in your yard or garden](#)

[LawnTalk: Lawncare info for northern IL](#)

[Lawn FAQs](#)

[Selecting Trees for your Home](#)

[Illinois Tree Selection: Buying a tree is a major investment. Here's help in choosing the best tree for your location.](#)

[Rose Gardens](#)

[Ornamental Grasses](#)

[Selecting Shrubs for your Home](#)

[Stepping Stones to Perennial Garden Design](#)

[Watch Your Garden Grow: Your guide to choosing, growing, preparing and storing common vegetables.](#)

[Houseplants: Find out what houseplant is best for your growing conditions.](#)

[A Taste of Gardening: Here's a great resource for learning the basics of gardening.](#)

[Gardening with Perennials: Gardening with Perennials will tell you how to plant and care for a garden that will bloom year after year.](#)

[Gardening with Annuals: Find out how annual flowers can brighten your garden.](#)

[Water Gardening: Learn about aquatic plant selection and cultivation as well as container water gardening.](#)

[Successful Container Gardens: A guide for choosing a container, selecting soil mixes, choosing and combining plants, fertilizing, watering and grooming basics.](#)

[Groundcovers to Know and Use](#)

[Garden Calendar: A helpful monthly guide to know what to do in your garden.](#)

[Common Vegetable Problems: Learn about common vegetable insect pests and diseases.](#)

[Beyond Impatiens and Petunias: Find out about plants that offer color and interest to some of the most extreme gardening situations.](#)

[Wildflowers](#)

[This Old House: How to Build a Rain Garden](#)

[EPA: Green Infrastructure](#)

HAVE GARDENING AND HORTICULTURE QUESTIONS? Call the MASTER GARDENER HELPLINE starting May through early autumn 2013. U of I Extension Master Gardeners are available to answer your questions... and there is NO COST for this service. WINNEBAGO COUNTY at 815-986-4357(M-F, 9am-Noon & 1-4pm).

## Wildlife

[Living with Wildlife in Illinois](#)

[Living with White-tailed deer in Illinois](#)

## Composting

[Composting for the Homeowner: This site gives an excellent indepth discussion of the science of composting, why it is important to compost, how to build a compost pile, and materials needed for composting.](#)

[Composting in the Home Garden](#)

## Soil

[Soil Testing: Need to test your soil? Here's what you need to know.](#)

[Soil Science Society of America: The Story of Soil](#)

[Natural Resource Conservation Service: Soil Education Links](#)

[Soil Quality for Environmental Health](#)

[Web Soil Survey](#)

## Other Resources

[Local Community Resources: This website includes information for community residents and governments on water quality, land use, government finance, meeting management, and more.](#)

[Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District](#)

[Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts](#)

[Adventure Publications: Nature Books](#)

[Environmental Education Association of Illinois](#)

[The Tallgrass Prairie in Illinois](#)

[Surf your Watershed](#)

[Illinois Drainage Guide](#)

[100 Ways to Conserve Water](#)

[WinGIS: County Geographic Information Systems](#)

# Organizations

[Four Rivers Environmental Coalition](#)

[Natural Land Institute](#)

[University of Illinois Extension](#)

[Winnebago County Forest Preserve District](#)

[Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership](#)

[Northern Regional Groundwater Protection Planning Committee-Boone, Winnebago & McHenry Cos.](#)

[Illinois Department of Natural Resources](#)

[Friends of Madigan Creek](#)

[Friends of the Kishwaukee River](#)

[Hoo Haven Wildlife and Education Center](#)

[Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful](#)

[Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden](#)

[Midway Village Museum](#)

[Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens](#)

[Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab and Education](#)

[Northwest Illinois Audubon Society](#)

[Sand Bluff Bird Observatory-Colored Sands Forest Preserve](#)

[Severson Dells Nature Center](#)

[Welly Environmental Center-Beloit, WI](#)

[Wild Ones- Rock River Valley Chapter](#)

[Rockford Park District](#)

[Burpee Museum of Natural History](#)