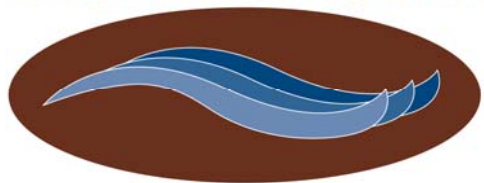


## WEST MULTNOMAH



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## **Public Naturescaping Workshops**

The West and East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the Audubon Society of Portland invite all homeowners and gardeners to attend two naturescaping workshops in March at Audubon, 5151 NW Cornell Road in Portland. Participants may take one or both of sessions:

### **Naturescaping 1-Basic Workshop**

**March 8, 2009, 1-5:00 p.m.**

An introduction to the concept of naturescaping. Workshop participants will view before and after examples of naturescaping, take a field trip to a nearby project, hear advice on landscape design and native gardening, receive a workbook and native plant, and identify native species.

### **Naturescaping 2-Site Planning Workshop**

**March 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Participants learn the steps involved in planning a landscaping project, including how to map your property, assess your garden style and needs, and work on a group design scenario. Pre-requisite-Basic Workshop

Naturescaping is the practice of using native plants in your yard and gardens so that the kinds of birds and insects they attract have a positive impact on our environment. Native plants require fewer fertilizers and pesticides because they're used to growing our soil; cutting down on the amount of contaminants that are washed into rivers and streams when it rains.

**The mission of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is: "To conserve and protect soil and water resources for the benefit of people, wildlife and the environment."**

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