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# MANAGING WATER with NATIVE PLANTS

## Overview

Landscaping with native plants provides several benefits to wildlife and people by contributing to healthy soil, air, and water. Native plants are best suited for the soil and weather conditions in our area, requiring less fertilizer and pesticides that run off into rivers and lakes. The deep root systems of many native plants anchor soil and filter water, collecting dirty stormwater runoff and separating out pollutants while increasing water absorption and reducing flooding. Native plants support wildlife by providing shelter and food sources such as fruits and seeds as well as the insects that make up the base of the food chain.

## Impacts on Our Water

Native plants not only attract and support wildlife, but also change how water behaves on your property. Native plants clean, filter, and store rainwater, which helps reduce water runoff and flooding.

## More Information

[www.IndianaWildlife.org](http://www.IndianaWildlife.org)

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A wildlife-friendly property filled with native plants



Native plants are beneficial to water management