

Why Native Landscapes Add Value To Your Waterfront Property:

- Protect property from erosion
- Slow and absorb run-off and flood water
- Keep sediment and pollutants out of water
- Protect and recharge groundwater
- Provide essential fish and wildlife habitat
- Preserve Montana's scenic beauty
- Protect and enhance privacy

How to do it (see illustration):

- Retain existing native plants along shore
- Match native plants to your site conditions
- Plant native vegetation that includes trees, shrubs, forbs, and ground cover
- Plant taller trees and shrubs at edge of the property; transition to shorter plants where you want to focus your view
- Keep turf grass areas small and near house
- Mulch, water, and weed until established



Red Osier Dogwood

Why Native Species are Best:

- Stabilize shorelines with deep root systems
- Adapt to local environments
- Resist fire and deer damage
- Are low maintenance once established
- Provide fish and wildlife food and shelter
- Create a healthy, non-invasive transition between home and water



Enjoy saving time, money, water quality, and scenic beauty by adding native plant landscapes to your waterfront property

Partners:

Flathead Conservation Dist. Kalispell, MT (406) 752-4220 www.flatheadcd.org	Lake Co. Planning Dept. Polson, MT (406) 883-7235 www.lakecounty-mt.org/planning
Flathead Lakers Polson, MT (406) 883-1346 www.flatheadlakers.org	Lake Co. Conservation Dist. Ronan, MT (406) 676-2841
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Natural Resources Department Polson, MT (406) 883-2888; www.cskt.org	

Resources:

Flathead Lakers Best Management Practices
www.flatheadlakers.org/index.php?page=bmp-s-tool-box

FCD List of Native Plant Providers
www.flatheadcd.org/small-acreage-landowners/native-plant-sources/

Montana Native Plant Society
www.mtnativeplants.org/Native_Plant_Landscaping

Contact Partners for Site-Specific Recommendations

Always check regulations before building or making changes to your shoreline.

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Waterfront LANDSCAPES

*Keep the View
~ Plus a Whole Lot More ~*



Water's Edge



Kinnikinnick



Beebalm



Shrubby Cinquefoil



Woods' Rose



Mountain Ash



Chokecherry

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- A. Retain existing native vegetation
- B. Keep natural shoreline shape and beach
- C. Incorporate driftwood into landscape
- D. Use floating or flow-through dock

- E. Minimize lawn size and avoid fertilizers
- F. Add rain barrels or rain gardens
- G. Use permeable material for footpaths
- H. Build away from shore, out of floodplain

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Upland Sites



Columbine



Heartleaf Arnica



Echinacea



Lupine



Blackeyed Susan



Serviceberry

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