

Pocket Prairies



Bring Nature Home

At Rainbow Companies, we help you connect with nature by transforming your yard into a thriving haven for birds, butterflies, and pollinators. Our 'Pocket Prairies' bring vibrant native plants to your landscape, creating food and habitat for wildlife while adding beauty to your home.

Why Choose a Pocket Prairie?

Urban development has drastically reduced wildlife habitats. Planting diverse native species in your yard can help restore balance. Prairie plants naturally improve soil and water, attract butterflies, bees, and birds, and require less maintenance over time than traditional lawns.

Imagine a network of Pocket Prairies across our cities with small but mighty native habitats that help wildlife thrive, right outside your door.

Prairies from Seed

Creating your Pocket Prairie takes a few seasons. After preparing the site, we plant a seed mix containing up to 60 native plant species. Each prairie is unique, with site conditions determining which species become established and thrive over time.

Think of prairie growth as 'sleep, creep, and leap': the first year, plants focus on establishing roots (sleep). In year two, you'll spot more growth and some flowers (creep). By year three, your prairie bursts with color and life (leap).

Forming a Partnership with You and Your Pocket Prairie

We're with you every step: from preparation and planting to seasonal maintenance. You'll play a part, too; simple tasks like clearing leaves or occasional mowing help your prairie succeed.

Start Now with Planting Your Pocket Prairie

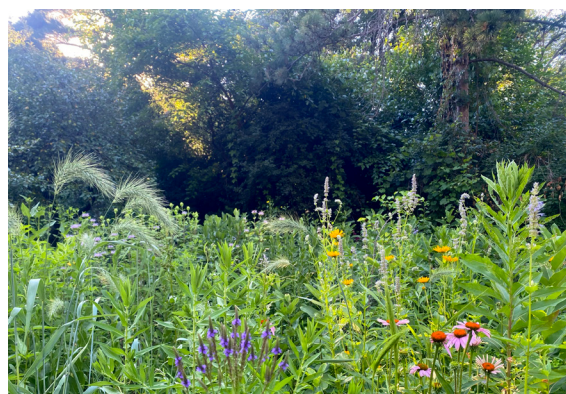
Pocket Prairies establish faster than a shade tree, and you'll quickly notice more butterflies and pollinators visiting your flowers. Ask your Consulting Arborist how you can start enjoying a Pocket Prairie at home.



A Pocket Prairie in the second season



Native plants thriving in a Twin Cities' yard



Pocket Prairies provide benefits to both people and nature

Pocket Prairie Timeline

Creating your Pocket Prairie takes a few seasons and is a multi-pronged approach. Below is a calendar of the approximate dates of activities for both establishing and maintaining your Pocket Prairie in Minnesota.

January	February	March
NO SCHEDULED SERVICES		
April	May	June
Yearly Prairie Maintenance Begins • Mowing as needed	Prairie Establishment Activities: • Initial mowing and herbicide application in naturalized areas (targeting buckthorn and woody plants)	
July	August	September
Prairie Establishment and Enhancement: • First or second herbicide spray for lawn-to-prairie conversions • Second or third herbicide applications in natural areas Ongoing Long-Term Prairie Maintenance • Monitor for undesirable species and spot spray as needed.		
October	November	December
Prairie Establishment and Preparation for Winter • Final herbicide application for lawn-to-prairie conversions	Prairie Establishment Late Season: • Dormant seeding (optimal timing for native seeds)	