

## 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:

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

## Resources:

**Flathead Lakers Best Management Practices**  
[www.flatheadlakers.org/index.php?page=bmp-s-tool-box](http://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/](http://www.flatheadcd.org/small-acreage-landowners/native-plant-sources/)

**Montana Native Plant Society**  
[www.mtnativeplants.org/Native\\_Plant\\_Landscaping](http://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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## Upland Sites



Columbine



Heartleaf Arnica



Echinacea



Lupine



Blackeyed Susan



Serviceberry

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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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