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Team Up for Clean Waters



Next in our Practical Water Wisdom series...

"Living With Zebra Mussels In Your Lake - A Cautionary Tale"

Thursday ~ March 7th ~ 12 to 1 pm



Join a discussion with four lakeshore owners who have been living with zebra mussels in Minnesota. If your lake is infected or threatened, what changes can you expect and what actions might you need to take?

Presenters: Megan Weber, Kevin Zahler (Lake Minnewashta, Carver County), Phil Rollins (Bay Lake, NW shoreline of Mille Lacs Lake) and Phil Thompson (Sand Lake)

Register for the free virtual learning series at itascawaters.org/water-wisdom-2024, plus view the topics for the 2024 season. Don't worry if you're not sure if you can make it - all presentations are recorded and we'll send out the link when it's available!

[Register Here](#)

Be an Ice-Out Predictor!



2024 Minnesota Lake Ice-out Forecast Webinar

Minnesota Sea Grant comes to the rescue of folks trying to guess when their lake will be ice-free. You might need some extra help this year since ice thickness on north central Minnesota lakes is only $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$ the usual thickness. At noon on Friday, March 8, 2024, John Downing will give a webinar showing how weather influences lake ice cover.

[Read More and Register Here](#)

Save
the
date!



"Planting for Clean Waters" *A Resilient Lawns and Shoreline Workshop*

Itasca Waters is partnering with Blue Thumb to bring you an evening of information on how to beautify your landscape while planting for clean water and pollinator habitat. There will be a Q&A period after the presentation and take-home templates.

Blue Thumb workshops walk through the steps to create rain gardens, native plantings, pollinator habitat, and more. This workshop will share actions home gardeners can take to protect clean water, create pollinator habitat, and mitigate the impact of extreme heat and flooding rains.

Date: Thursday May 2nd

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Rapids Brewing Company, Grand Rapids

Space is limited - please register!

There is no charge for this workshop but donations will be accepted to continue our Native Plants program, in conjunction with the Grand Rapids High School Horticulture class.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Come spend the day with us.....

5th Grade Youth Water Summit 2024

May 21st, Grand Rapids

Once again Itasca Waters will be coordinating a Youth Water Summit for all 5th graders in Itasca County!

Held in Grand Rapids on May 21, we are looking for volunteers who would like to lend a hand on the day, such as helping direct student groups to the various educational exhibits. Join our experienced team and have fun watching kids get inspired!

Call 218-256-5998 or email info@itascawaters.org for more information.

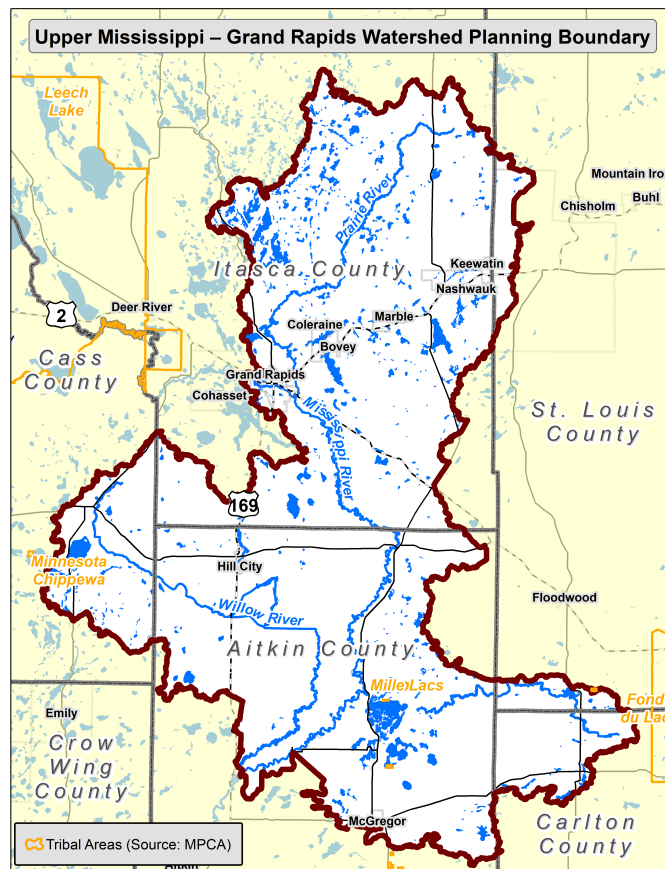
"Students are an integral part of improving the culture on water science in Itasca County"
~ David Lick

Watch PBS coverage of YWS 2022!



Upper Mississippi - Grand Rapids

One Watershed One Plan



Itasca Waters member Perry Loegering keeps us up to date on 1W1P

In 2022, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) awarded a One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) planning grant to the Upper Mississippi River - Grand Rapids watershed. This will allow for a collaborative plan to look at the watershed, identify areas that might need water quality protection or improvements, and plan projects to make sure the water in this watershed is healthy for all of the important uses we rely on.

[Read More](#)

Native Plant Sale - Itasca SWCD

Deadline to order is April 19th

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Each spring the Itasca Soil and Water Conservation District conducts a native tree and plant sale to help promote the planting of native species and give landowners a convenient way to obtain their favorite native plants. We offer a variety of regionally native

trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses and sedges.

Order deadline is April 19st. Plant Sale pick up dates are May 16th & 17th, at ISWCD office in Grand Rapids.



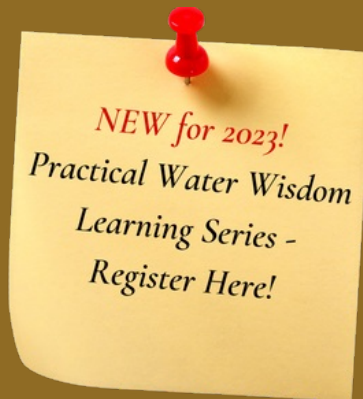
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