



March 16, 2020

Amid growing concerns regarding COVID-19, the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District is following the guidance of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of our employees, families, stakeholders and residents. The SWCD office does remain open during normal business hours but the following protocols have been initiated:

Our Landscaping for Clean Water workshops and face to face meetings scheduled through April 16, 2020 have been cancelled. We are looking at options that would allow us to offer these workshops through virtual meetings. If you have registered for an upcoming Landscaping for Clean Water workshop, our staff will be contacting you directly with updates and options for participation. More information regarding the Landscaping for Clean Water workshops at the following link:

<http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/cleanwater.html>

Staff will be practicing social distancing and will not be attending group meetings until further notice. We continue to work with our stakeholders and partners to provide necessary services during this uncertain time.

Options for staff to work remotely are being considered. If you are planning to stop by the office to discuss program activities, please call ahead to make sure staff will be available to assist with your questions. Emails and phone calls are currently the preferred method of conducting business. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and you can contact us via telephone at 651-480-7777 or email us at swcd@co.dakota.mn.us.

We will continue to post updates to our web site as the situation progresses.

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