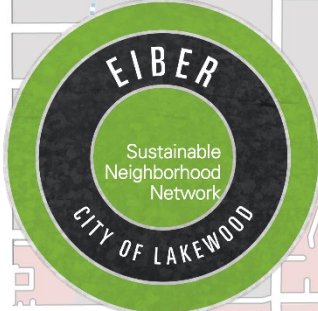


7th Annual Eiber Sustainable Garden Tour
 Saturday, July 27, 8am–noon

- This is a self-directed tour. Please visit the yards and gardens in whatever order you please and at your own pace.
- Residents of each address have graciously volunteered their yards & gardens for neighbors to tour. We are grateful for their contributions!



Address	Description	Features
675 Dudley St.	We have an established Xeriscape and use little additional water. We have a drip system for the food producing areas and use rainwater for the many pots around the yard. We installed artificial turf in one section for the dog's play area and are working on installing a low water dog turf in another part of the play area.	Bee Safe, Wildscape, Xeriscape, Water Conservation, Reduced Lawn Areas
9341 West 11th Ave.	Inspired by Professor Doug Tallamy, author of Nature's Best Hope, I have been working on removing lawn to add native plantings. I use bee-safe practices in all my gardens. We have planted native meadows in both the front and back yards (with mixed success!) I am also converting most of my former vegetable and annual flower garden to natives and so the vegetable areas are limited this season while I reimagine my space. The front curb garden is also great for community engagement and rethinking front yards!	Bee Safe, Native Plants, Wildscape, Composting & Vermicomposting, Soil Regeneration & Health, Reduced Lawn Areas
1080 Dudley St.	Our front yard had a monoculture green lawn. In September 2022 we began the transformation to a native and xeric pollinator-friendly yard. This is the second year for this mostly native/regional native landscape. Come see the progress. These landscapes are not considered "mature" until the third year. Until then, plants are focused on growing their deep roots.	Bee Safe, Native Plants, Wildscape, Xeriscape, Composting & Vermicomposting, Sustainable Growing Methods, Reduced Lawn Areas
1390 Brentwood St., Lakewood Unit. Method. Church	Self-serve stop (no host): Native Meadow Garden. The opportunity to remake a small part of the lawn at Lakewood United Methodist Church came last year when the People and Pollinators Action Network offered funding for converting areas to native plantings. The church secured a grant and purchased garden seed boxes from Otherworlds Native Landscape . I then removed the existing lawn and overgrown rosebed from the area and began the weeks-long weeding process and then sowed the seeds. By last fall, there was a good beginning for this summer's garden. This garden features a thick native grass ground cover that helps reduce moisture loss and crowds out many weeds. The varieties of flowering plants reseed every year and the garden will look slightly different as the location of the flowers shifts year to year. The milkweed area which we hope will attract some Monarch Butterflies was nurtured over the last few years from a windborn seed. Each spring I prune back the expansion of new stalks to keep it in the northern section. I hope if you live nearby that you will drive by the garden throughout the year to see how it changes month to month. - Jim Rabiolo, Volunteer Gardener	Bee Safe, Composting & Vermicomposting, Water Conservation, Sustainable Growing Methods, Soil Regeneration & Health, Reduced Lawn Areas
8805 W. 11th Ave.	In August of 2022, we began the process of converting our 4,000+ square foot lawn to a native plant meadow and wildscape using a mixture of nursery plants and native seed mixes. We worked with a designer who installed a meandering crushed granite pathway, converted our irrigation system from spray heads to drip, and constructed a dry creek bed, two rain gardens, and four raised beds for growing vegetables. In the past year, prairie grasses and wildflowers sown from seed have taken strong hold, and a new short prairie grass area was seeded this spring. The entire landscape has been taken off regular irrigation and is spot-watered as needed.	Bee Safe, Native Plants, Wildscape, Xeriscape, Water Conservation, Reduced Lawn Areas
10400 W 18th Ave. (note: this property is just outside the Eiber boundaries)	I started converting our lawn yard into a waterwise yard with native plants through Lakewood's turf replacement program only this spring. This program incentivizes water-wise gardening for Lakewood residents through discounts on sod removal, or on native plants in a "garden in a box" provided by Resource Central. Our yard must meet many needs: a space for playing kids, exercising dogs, and socializing. Here you really can get an idea of how to take out small areas of grass sod and replace them with native plants (that It received for free through this program!). I have been involved in the creation of the program and welcome all your questions about how to apply for and use this program, "garden in a box" plants, and what it is like to take out lawn piecemeal on a busy schedule while the area continues to function for all the family members and pets.	Bee Safe, Native Plants, Wildscape, Xeriscape, Composting & Vermicomposting, Water Conservation, Sustainable Growing Methods, Soil Regeneration & Health, Reduced Lawn Areas
1165 Holland St.	We converted our yard from a grass lawn to an entirely xeric design that features lots of low-water and native plants. Making our own compost is a high priority for us so that we can nourish the soil in our veggie beds and improve the natural clay soil.	Bee Safe, Native Plants, Xeriscape, Composting & Vermicomposting, Water Conservation, Sustainable Growing Methods, Soil Regeneration & Health, Reduced Lawn Areas