



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District *of* Greater Chicago

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MWRD to share stormwater management tips, showcase exceptional quality compost during Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier March 14 - 18

Who: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

What: Chicago Flower and Garden Show

Where: Navy Pier, Booth number 633

When: Wednesday, March 14 – Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.,
Sunday, March 18, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) will be hosting a booth at the Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier to demonstrate its new exceptional quality composted biosolids soil amendment. The MWRD will also showcase best management practices in stormwater management and green infrastructure and will hold drawings for a free rain barrel.

As part of its Strategic Business Plan, the MWRD's Resource Recovery Program is focusing on reclaiming, processing, and reusing solids, water, and discarded materials like yard and food waste. The MWRD is transforming these materials into environmentally friendly products like composted biosolids; there will be samples of compost on display.

"The MWRD has a legacy of innovation and ingenuity so we are excited to demonstrate environmentally friendly best management practices," said MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos.

Green infrastructure (GI) is in play at parks, for-

est preserves, municipalities, schools, and alleys and parking lots across Cook County. GI enhancements are designed to capture water and allow it to infiltrate into the ground before it enters the traditional conveyance system. This helps to reduce the amount of water flowing through the pipes that are often overwhelmed by increasingly intense rain events experienced throughout the region which ends up as basement backups and neighborhood flooding.

"MWRD's participation in the Chicago Flower and Garden Show is just one of many ways to share with communities and families of all cultures throughout Cook County the important work that is being done daily at the MWRD. We look forward to speaking with the Chicago Flower and Garden Show attendees about our compost and about ways they can make a difference in their own homes and neighborhoods by incorporating green infrastructure solutions," said MWRD Commissioner Kari K. Steele.

Additional information about the show can be found at <http://chicagoflower.com/>.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwr.org) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for used water treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.