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## **Plant Donations Needed For Annual Fall Perennial Divide**

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**DES MOINES, IOWA – Tuesday, October 02, 2018** – Do you have extra plants in your garden that are taking up too much space or you want to replace? Des Moines Parks and Recreation requests your help in beautifying and enhancing public lands in the city through the donation of perennial plants from your personal gardens. Community organizations such as schools, shelters, community centers, and neighborhood associations will benefit from the plants. The grounds of Highland Park Garden Club, Waterbury Neighborhood and other non-profits throughout the city planted over 550 plants donated to the 2018 Spring Perennial Divide.

The public can bring donations to:  
**City of Des Moines Greenhouse**  
**2501 SE Maury - Chesterfield Community Center**  
**8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Friday, October 5**  
**9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Saturday, October 6**

All types and varieties of plant material are welcome, including perennial flowers, bulbs, ground covers, herbs, ornamental grasses, shrubs, seeds, and annuals. No donation is too small! Donors need to label their plants with the type of plant, sun requirements, height, and color.

Non-profit organizations interested in receiving plant material should call 515-248-6384 or email [flowers@dmgov.org](mailto:flowers@dmgov.org). Organizations can check out the donations of plants on Saturday, October 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Julie Hempel at 515-248-6384 or [flowers@dmgov.org](mailto:flowers@dmgov.org).

### **About Des Moines Parks and Recreation**

Founded in 1892, the Parks and Recreation Department’s mission is “Helping Des Moines Live Well, Play Hard and Protect the Earth.” Our department is responsible for the management of 75 parks, over 4,000 acres of parkland, 81 miles of trails, seven cemeteries and numerous municipal facilities. In addition, we offer numerous programs in the areas of sports, urban conservation, environment education, sport instruction, volunteerism, rentals and special events. For more information on Des Moines Parks and Recreation programs or facilities, visit our website ([dmparks.org](http://dmparks.org)), Facebook ([facebook.com/desmoinesparks](https://facebook.com/desmoinesparks)), Twitter ([@desmoinesparks](https://twitter.com/desmoinesparks)) or Instagram ([instagram.com/desmoinesparks](https://instagram.com/desmoinesparks)).

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