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MWRD to share stormwater management tips, showcase exceptional quality compost during Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier March 20 - 24

- WHO:** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- WHAT:** Chicago Flower and Garden Show
- WHERE:** Navy Pier, Booth number 131
- WHEN:** Wed., March 20 – Sat., March 23, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sun., March 24, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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

Green infrastructure is used at parks, forest preserves, municipalities, schools, alleys and parking lots across Cook County. GI enhancements are designed to capture water and allow it to infil-



trate 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.

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 wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.