

PLANT THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

Occasionally there are trends of plants being stolen from residences and businesses. The plants tend to be stolen overnight. Some were recently planted and are dug up when stolen. Some are potted or in hangers. It is difficult to fully prevent such a crime. The MPD collected ideas from gardening resources, blogs, and tutorials.

PREVENTING PLANT THEFT

- Utilize surveillance cameras with CLEAR footage at night and that you know how to use. (Consider wildlife camera or motion-triggered)
- Install proper lighting. Some options:
 - low-level ambient lighting in the yard (white holiday lights, solar lights)
 - motion-detector lights. If they are to turn on only at unwanted activity instruct your neighbors to call 911 on suspicious activity if they see anything.
 - dusk-till-dawn on your porch/doors
- Place potted plants in heavy containers
- Consider screwing containers into the ground with spiral stakes
- Place a fence around the landscaped area
- Expensive or rare plants can be targeted. Keep in mind when determining high visibility landscaping.
- Look outside if your dog barks in the middle of the night or you hear voices in unexpected areas.

IF YOUR PLANTS ARE STOLEN:

Report it through 311 (if the loss is under \$1000) or 911 (if you have any evidence to hand over, it was inside a structure, or over \$1000). To report online through 311: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/report/eReport>

OTHER PREVENTION TIPS:

If you are working with a landscaper, request that they provide you with a receipt of the plants they bought. Even if they black out the price, this will tell you the date, location, and exact plants, and will deter potential stolen plants being used in landscaping you pay for.

Don't forget to verify if your contractor has a license.

MN Department of Labor & Industry Contractor

license/certificate search:

<https://secure.doli.state.mn.us/licensing/licensing.aspx>

PLANT THEFT PREVENTION SOURCES:

- wisebread.com
- ehow.com
- thriftyfun.com
- apartmenttherapy.com

REMEMBER:

Call **911** on
suspicious activity!



This is a message from the Minneapolis Police Department Crime Prevention unit.

For more crime prevention tips, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention or follow the QR code:

