

For Your Consideration: Rain Gardens

All About Rain Gardens:

Building a rain garden in your own yard is probably the easiest and most cost efficient thing you can do to reduce your contribution to stormwater pollution. By capturing rainwater from your roof, driveway and sidewalks and diverting it into a great looking rain garden where it can slowly soak into the ground, filter contaminants and keep quantities of clean water from going down the sewer system you'll have a great looking garden that puts water in its place.



A Rain Garden is:

A rain garden is a shallow, constructed depression that is planted with deep-rooted native plants & grasses. It is located in your landscape to receive runoff from hard surfaces such as a roof, a sidewalk and a driveway. Rain gardens slow down the rush of water from these hard surfaces, holds the water for a short period of time, and allows it to naturally infiltrate into the ground.



Benefits of Rain Gardens

Basically, rain gardens are an inexpensive, simple to implement and environmentally sound solution to urban stormwater runoff.

A Rain Garden will:

- Filter runoff pollution
- Recharge local groundwater
- Conserve water
- Improve water quality
- Protect rivers and streams
- Remove standing water in your yard
- Reduce mosquito breeding
- Reduce potential of home flooding
- Create habitat for birds & butterflies
- Survive drought seasons
- Reduce garden maintenance
- Enhance sidewalk appeal
- Increase garden enjoyment
- Increase beneficial insects that eliminate pest insects

For more info see: www.raingardennetwork.com

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