

What is a Rain Garden?

- A rain garden is a garden that is planted in a shallow depression in your yard . This depression is planted with Wisconsin native wetland or prairie wildflowers and grasses.



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What a Rain Garden Does:

- Rain gardens increase the amount of water that filters into the ground. This then recharges the local and regional aquifers
- They help by protecting communities from flooding and other drainage problems
- Rain gardens also help protect lakes and rivers from pollutants that would be carried from storm water. Such as lawn Fertilizers
- Enhance the beauty of yards along with neighborhoods.
- Also they provide valuable habitat for birds, butterflies and many beneficial insects.



Location for your Rain Garden

- Pick a low spot in your yard at least 10 feet from your house
- Needs to be in front of a downspout or in direct water flow.
- The spot also needs at least a half day of sun.
- Don't place directly over a septic system
- The typical size range from 100 to 300 square feet.



Constriction:

1. You need to dig a shallow depression that has a level bottom. Dig it the size you want for the garden.
2. Direct your downspout or sump pump outlet into your rain garden.
-This can be done by digging a shallow swale or by using buried 4 inch PVC piping.
3. Plant native Wisconsin Plants in a design that suites you
4. Water for the first weeks to help the plants get established.
5. Once your rain garden is established it requires low maintenance!

