

Rain Gardens

Filter Pollutants in Stormwater Runoff

- Nitrogen and Phosphorus
- Pesticides and Herbicides
- Sediments
- Bacteria
- Heavy Metals
- Oils and Grease

Soak Up and Slow Down Water to Reduce Runoff



Prevent Flooding and Provide Habitat

Does your yard collect standing water after heavy rains? A rain garden — a small, planted depression designed to capture stormwater runoff — can help. It allows rainwater to soak into the ground, reducing the amount of pollutants that might otherwise flow into nearby rivers and lakes. It also helps recharge groundwater, making it a smart and sustainable addition to your property.

Native plants in your rain garden, like elderberry, purple and showy coneflower, golden alexanders, and joe-pye weed, provide beauty and are well-adapted to local conditions, making them easy to maintain. Your rain garden will create habitat for birds, dragonflies, butterflies, and other pollinators! Learn more at mywatersheds.org/rain-garden-101.

