
Rain Garden Resources

Rain Garden Basics and How to Build a Rain Garden

- Barr Engineering (Minneapolis, MN) - Landscape Ecology & Landscape Architecture (PDF) http://www.barr.com/PDFs/ShellsQEs/ecol_land.pdf
- Build Your Own Rain Garden - http://www.wnmag.com/stories/2008/Apr_08/raingarden.htm
- Chicago's Rain Garden Network Web site - steps to build and to maintain rain gardens. <http://www.raingardennetwork.com>
- Clear Water Conservancy - conservation techniques for watershed-wise backyards and businesses. <http://www.clearwaterconservancy.org/>
- Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission (WI) - rain garden resources and links <http://www.danewaters.com/private/raingarden.aspx>
- Edgewood College (Madison, WI) - rain garden guide including a 10-step process to build your own rain garden. <http://natsci.edgewood.edu/wingra/management/raingardens/default.htm>
- Friends of Bassett Creek (Minneapolis, MN) - rain garden guide including a plant/shrub list for both sunny and shady areas. <http://www.mninter.net/%7Estack/rain/>
- Friends of Lake Wingra (Madison, WI) <http://lakewingra.org/>
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (WI) - slide presentation about water quality including rain gardens and rain barrels. <http://www.mmsd.com/home/index.cfm>
- North Carolina Cooperative Extension - backyard rain gardens. <http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/topic/raingarden/>
- Rain Gardens: A How-to Manual for Homeowners. <http://dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/documents/rgmanual.pdf>
- Rain Gardens of West Michigan - rain garden basics <http://www.raingardens.org/Index.php>
- The City of Maplewood (MN) - rainwater garden Web site includes photos and a care guide. http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7BF2C03470-D6B5-4572-98F0-F79819643C2A%7D
- University of Wisconsin - Extension and Wisconsin DNR - Rain Garden Educator's Kit. Milwaukee County UWEX, 932 South 60th Street, West Allis, WI 53214-3346 or call (414) 290-2434.
- University of Wisconsin – Extension Basin Education Program <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/>
- Virginia Department of Forestry - <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/rfb/rain-gardens.shtml>
- Wild Ones - Web site offers advice on how to amend local weed and vegetation control ordinances to promote responsible native plant landscaping. This site also contains model ordinances to adapt for your community. <http://www.for-wild.org/weedlaws/weedlaw.htm>
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - native plant list for rain gardens. <http://dnr.wi.gov/runoff/plantlistings.htm>
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - rain garden Web site. <http://dnr.wi.gov/runoff/rg/links.htm>

Rain Garden Examples

- Low Impact Development Center - examples and photos of transportation related rain gardens. http://www.lid-stormwater.net/bioretenion/biotrans_home.htm

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- Pudget Sound Action Team - <http://www.psat.wa.gov/stormwater.php>
- Seattle Stormwater Utility - before and after photos. [http://www.seattle.gov/util/About_SPU/Drainage & Sewer System/Natural Drainage Systems/Street Edge Alternatives/index.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/About_SPU/Drainage_%20Sewer_System/Natural_Drainage_Systems/Street_Edge_Alternatives/index.asp)

Rain Garden Articles

- Field evaluation of rain gardens as method for enhancing groundwater recharge, Ken Potter. UW Water Resources Institute: http://www.wri.wisc.edu/Downloads/Projects/Final_WR01R002.pdf
- Maryland developer grows rain gardens to control residential runoff. UW EPA. <http://www.epa.gov/owow/info/NewsNotes/pdf/42issue.pdf>
- Plotting to infiltrate: Try rain gardens, by Lorrie Stromme. University of Minnesota. Yard and Garden Line News. <http://www.public.coe.edu/McCloud/RainGarden/Articles/PlottingToInfiltrate.pdf>
- Rain gardens: A household way to improve water quality in your community. University of Wisconsin - Extension and Wisconsin DNR - (GWQ037) (PDF) <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/home.gardens.pdf>
- Rain gardens: Healthy for nature and people, by Jack Broughton. Chicago Wilderness Magazine. <http://www.chicagowildernessmag.com/issues/spring2001/raingardens.html>
- Rain gardens help recharge, by Kenneth Potter. University of Wisconsin Communications <http://www.news.wisc.edu/releases/7385.html?month=04&year=2002>
- Rain gardens: Something for everyone, by Ellen Considine. <http://www.engr.wisc.edu/wiscengr/nov01/raingardens.shtml>
- Recycled building material used to make rain gardens, by Lesley Rogers Barrett. Wisconsin State Journal. <http://www.madison.com/wisconsinstatejournal/local/47739.php>
- Run on rain gardens, by Natasha Kassulke. <http://www.wnrmag.com/supps/2003/feb03/run.htm>

Rain Barrels

- Community for Watershed Protection - How to build and install rain barrels. <http://w.2pays.org/ref/42/41903.pdf>
- EPA - Rain barrel pdf includes purchasing information. <http://www.epa.gov/region03/p2/what-is-rainbarrel.pdf>
- Harvest H2O Web site - <http://www.harvesth2o.com/>
- Harvesting the water with rain barrels, by Jeanne Ralston. <http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/article/0,,1180779,00.html>
- Home and Garden Television (HGTV) - Use a Rain Barrel to Conserve Water. <http://www.hgtv.com/landscaping/rain-barrels/index.html>
- King County, Washington - Basic facts about rain barrels and cisterns - <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/PI/pdf/cistern-water-saving.pdf>
- What is a rain barrel? US EPA. <http://www.epa.gov/region03/p2/what-is-rainbarrel.pdf>