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## Rain Garden Resources

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### Rain Garden Basics and How to Build a Rain Garden:

- Chicago's Rain Garden Network website includes steps to build and maintain a rain gardens.  
<http://www.danewaters.com/>
- Clear Water Conservancy's guide for conservation techniques for watershed-wise backyards and businesses  
<http://www.clearwaterconservancy.org/>
- Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission's rain garden basics.  
<http://www.danewaters.com/>
- Edgewood College's (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's (Minneapolis, MN) rain garden guide includes a plant/shrub list for both sunny and shady areas.  
<http://www.mninter.net/%7Estack/rain/>
- Friends of Lake Wingra  
<http://lakewingra.org/>
- Landscape Ecology & Landscape Architecture (PDF) by Barr Engineering  
[http://www.barr.com/PDFs/ShellQEs/ecol\\_land.pdf](http://www.barr.com/PDFs/ShellQEs/ecol_land.pdf)
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's slide presentation on water quality including rain gardens and rain barrels.  
<http://www.mmsd.com/home/index.cfm>
- Rain garden applications and simple calculations Power Point presentation by Center for Watershed Protection.  
[http://www.cwp.org/Community\\_Watersheds/Rain\\_Garden.htm](http://www.cwp.org/Community_Watersheds/Rain_Garden.htm)
- Rain garden basics from West Michigan  
<http://www.raingardens.org/Index.php>
- Rain garden resources and links from Dane County, Wisconsin.  
<http://www.danewaters.com/private/raingarden.aspx>
- Rain Gardens ... A Household Way To Improve Water Quality in Your Community by University of Wisconsin - Extension and Wisconsin DNR (GWQ037) (PDF)  
<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/home.gardens.pdf>
- Rain Gardens: A How –To Manual for Homeowners by University of Wisconsin – Extension and Wisconsin DNR (GWQ034) (PDF)  
<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/home.rgmanual.pdf>
- The City of Maplewood, MN rainwater garden website includes photos and a care guide.  
[http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC=%7BF2C03470-D6B5-4572-98F0-F79819643C2A%7D](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7BF2C03470-D6B5-4572-98F0-F79819643C2A%7D)
- University of Wisconsin – Extension Basin Education Program  
<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/>

- Virginia Department of Forestry-Rain Gardens  
<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/rfb/rain-gardens.shtml>
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' native plant list for rain gardens.  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/nps/rg/plants/PlantListing.htm>
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources rain garden website.  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/nps/rg/index.htm>

### **Rain Garden Publications and Examples:**

- Examples and photos of transportation related rain gardens from the Low Impact Development Center.  
[http://www.lid-stormwater.net/bioretenion/biotrans\\_home.htm](http://www.lid-stormwater.net/bioretenion/biotrans_home.htm)
- Maryland developer grows rain gardens to control residential runoff, US EPA.  
<http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/info/NewsNotes/issue42/urbrnf.html>
- Puget Sound Action Team's natural approach to stormwater management.  
[http://www.psat.wa.gov/Publications/LID\\_studies/amended\\_soils.htm](http://www.psat.wa.gov/Publications/LID_studies/amended_soils.htm)
- Seattle's Stormwater Utility's downloadable before and after rain garden 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_&_Sewer_System/Natural_Drainage_Systems/Street_Edge_Alternatives/index.asp)
- The Green Institute's rain garden examples including photos.  
<http://www.greeninstitute.org/>

### **Rain Barrels:**

- Basic facts about rain barrels and cisterns from King County, Washington, DNR and Parks.  
<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/PI/pdf/cistern-water-saving.pdf>
- Center for Watershed Protection Brochure: How to build and install rain barrel and rain garden.  
[http://www.cwp.org/Community\\_Watersheds/brochure.pdf](http://www.cwp.org/Community_Watersheds/brochure.pdf)
- City of Vancouver Rain Barrel Program.  
<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/engsvcs/watersewers/water/conservation/rainbarrel.htm>
- EPA rain barrel pdf includes rain barrel purchasing information.  
<http://www.epa.gov/region03/p2/what-is-rainbarrel.pdf>
- HGTV's step by step guide to build your own rain barrel  
[http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/gardening/article/0,1785,HGTV\\_3546\\_21\\_65903,00.html](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/gardening/article/0,1785,HGTV_3546_21_65903,00.html)
- Low Impact Development Center's step by step sustainable school projects.  
<http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/school/rainb/rbm.html>

- Rain water harvesting community website.  
<http://www.harvesth2o.com/>
- Wild Ones 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>

**Rain Garden Articles:**

- Planting a Rain Garden, by Erik Ness. Madison Magazine Article.
- Rain Gardens: Healthy for Nature and People, by Jack Broughton. Chicago Wilderness Magazine Article  
<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. Article: 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>
- University of Minnesota, Yard and Garden Line News: Plotting to Infiltrate, Try Rain Gardens, by Lorrie Stromme.  
<http://www.extension.umn.edu/yardandgarden/YGLNews/YGLN-May0101.html#rain>
- University of Wisconsin Water Resources Institute: Field Evaluation of Rain Gardens as Method for Enhancing Groundwater Recharge, by Kenneth Potter.  
[http://www.wrc.wisc.edu/projects/Potter\\_raingarden.html](http://www.wrc.wisc.edu/projects/Potter_raingarden.html)