

Build Your Own Rain Garden!

Rain Garden Installation Process:

1. Find a spot to install the garden
2. Test the drainage of the site
3. Design the site
4. Obtain plants

Planting Day

- a. One day of installation should suffice with enough help from the EC and volunteers (potentially high school environmental club)
- b. Spray or flag area
- c. Remove grass
- d. Digging the depression
- e. Plant
- f. Apply Mulch
- g. Water plants (Immediately after and then 2x/week until established)
- h. It is important to avoid compacting the soil as much as possible
- i. Supplies needed: Shovels, Rakes, Level, Hose, Plants, Stones, Mulch, Educational sign (optional)

Ongoing maintenance:

1. Watering until plants are established (2x/week)
2. Weeding invasives (more often in beginning and less as years go on)
3. Mulching (1x/year)
4. Pruning (1x/year)
5. Replanting anything not thriving (can replace with something that is growing well) (1x/year)

Plant Species Recommendations:

Buffer- Outermost Layer
Slope- Middle Layer
Base- Innermost Layer

