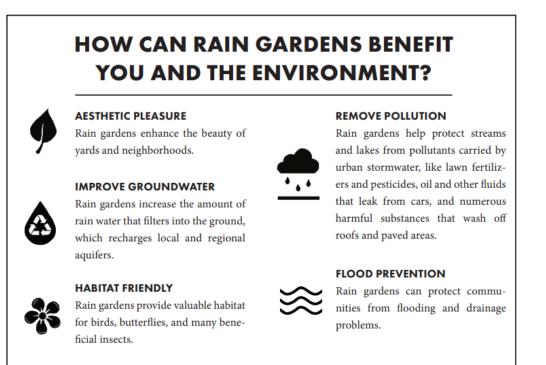


## Rain Garden

What is a Rain Garden? A rain garden is a shallow, landscaped depression designed to capture and absorb rainwater runoff from surfaces like roofs, driveways, and patios. Planted with deep-rooted native vegetation, rain gardens temporarily hold water, allowing it to infiltrate the soil at a slower rate.



**Environmental and Water Management Benefits** 

- **Pollution Reduction:** By filtering runoff, rain gardens prevent pollutants from reaching waterways.
- Flood Mitigation: They decrease the volume and speed of stormwater runoff, reducing the risk of localized flooding and erosion.
- Groundwater Recharge: Rain gardens replenish local groundwater supplies.

## **Aesthetic Appeal**

The use of diverse plants provides vibrant colors and textures throughout the growing season, attracting birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects. Their adaptable designs can complement various landscape styles, adding unique character to your outdoor space.

## **Maintenance Tips**

- First Year Care: Regular watering is essential during the establishment phase to promote deep root growth.
- Weed Management: Periodically remove invasive weeds to ensure plants thrive.
- **Mulching:** Apply a layer of mulch to retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature.
- Seasonal Upkeep: In spring, cut back dead plant material to make way for new growth.

By incorporating a rain garden into your landscape, you not only address water management challenges but also create an environmentally friendly and visually pleasing feature that benefits both your property and the broader ecosystem.

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