

Benefits of Rain Gardens

Basically, rain gardens are an inexpensive, simple to implement and environmentally sound solution to urban stormwater runoff. A Rain Garden is a site-specific landscaping plan that utilizes native plants to absorb excessive run-off and stormwater. On school sites, Rain Gardens also provide an opportunity to create an outdoor classroom where teachers and students can better utilize their school campuses as living laboratories to study the environment.

A Rain Garden will:

- Filter runoff pollution
- Recharge local groundwater
- Conserve water
- Improve water quality
- Protect rivers and streams
- Remove standing water in your yard
- Reduce mosquito breeding
- Increase beneficial insects that eliminate pest insects
- Reduce potential of home flooding
- Create habitat for birds & butterflies
- Survive drought seasons
- Reduce garden maintenance
- Enhance sidewalk appeal
- Increase garden enjoyment