

Rain Gardening
Has Become One Of The
Hottest Trends In Gardening Today

Large



Or

Small



Plan Your Landscape To Take Advantage
of Excess Water Runoff
And Help Keep Our Lakes & Rivers Clean



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Over 40% of our water bodies are impaired in Minnesota.

Rain Barrels are also very beneficial to help reduce roof top runoff. The water can be used for watering your garden or lawn.

A Rain Garden can absorb a lot of water runoff from gutters, roofs, driveways, that would otherwise carry pollutants into local streams, lakes and rivers.

Among the benefits of a rain garden:

- **Low Maintenance** – Once it's established, it requires no mowing, fertilizing or regular watering. It usually needs just mulching and intermittent weeding.
- **Attracts Birds and Butterflies**
- **Reduces (or eliminates) standing water** in your yard, which in turn reduces mosquitoes and the likelihood of flooding.

You can make a rain garden anywhere in your yard that you feel would be beneficial, as long as you keep it a minimum of 10 feet away from any building. It's a good idea to locate your rain garden next to hard surfaces such as a driveway or sidewalk, which will reduce runoff into the sewers. Or direct runoff from your downspout towards or into the rain garden.

Resources For More Information:

- Dayton City Hall (763) 427-4589
Request: "How To Build A Rain Garden" literature
- Blue Thumb guide to rain gardens
<http://www.bluethumb.org/raingardens/>
- Metro Blooms rain garden workshops
(651) 699-2426 <http://www.metroblooms.org/>
- Minneapolis Blooms
(612) 673-3014 <http://minneapolisblooms.org/>
- Hennepin County Master Gardener
(612) 596-2118 Hotline
<http://www.hcmg.umn.edu/>
- U of M Extension Service
(612) 596-2110 <http://www.extension.umn.edu/>
- Tree Trust (651) 644-5800
<http://www.treetrust.org/>
- Hennepin County Environmental Services
(612) 348-3777 <http://www.hennepin.us/>