



Reasons for installing a rain garden:

- Any garden can enhance the beauty of your yard and neighborhood by providing lots of colorful flowers.
- Slowing the flow of storm water will help stop flooding further downstream.
- You will be providing valuable wildlife habitat for many birds and butterflies.
- Installing a rain garden will help protect streams, rivers and lakes from erosion and pollution.
- The root systems of many native plants actually filter water from your roof: many contaminants are absorbed and utilized by the plants.
- By keeping the rain water on your property, you are helping to recharge the aquifer.
- The more we can utilize the water from our roofs and keep rainwater on our property, the less we will need to have costly water treatment facilities.
- *It just makes sense!*

Grow only locally native, organic plants in your rain garden and entire landscape!

Some Plants to Use in Rain Gardens:

Porcupine Sedge <i>Carex hystericina</i>	1 ft
Monkey Flower <i>Mimulus ringens</i>	↓
Blue Flag Iris <i>Iris virginica var. shrevii</i>	2 ft
Blue Lobelia <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	↓
Golden Alexanders <i>Zizia aurea</i>	↓
Virginia Mountain Mint <i>Pycnanthemum virginiana</i>	3 ft
Beardtongue <i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	↓
Swamp Milkweed <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	↓
Sneezeweed <i>Helenium autumnale</i>	↓
New England Aster <i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	4 ft
Cardinal Flower <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	↓
Gray-headed Coneflower <i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	↓
Common Boneset <i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	↓
Tall Bellflower <i>Campanula Americana</i>	↓
Turtlehead <i>Chelone glabra</i>	↓
Marsh Blazing Star <i>Liatris spicata</i>	↓
Culver's Root <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	↓
Indian Grass <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	5 ft
Blue Vervain <i>Verbena hastata</i>	↓
Joe-Pye Weed <i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	↓
Ironweed <i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	6 ft
False Aster <i>Boltonia latisquama</i>	↓

RAIN GARDENS

Catch a Drop!



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By installing just one small rain garden at the base of one downspout, the average homeowner in the Midwest will be capturing about 10,000 gallons of rainwater per year before it reaches a storm drain. The deep root systems of native plants, with the action of the microbes in the soil, will break down contaminants before it enters the ground water or lakes and streams. This will slow the flow of water, preventing erosion of rivers and ditches further downstream, while capturing sediment, contaminants and debris before it enters our waterways.

Native plants have deep root systems, allowing great absorption of water while providing organic materials to help build the soil. The soil can now act as a sponge, slowing the absorption

of rainwater by 65% or more and reducing runoff by 98%. Native vegetation in areas previously mowed for lawns will actually improve water and air quality.

? Will a rain garden attract pests, such as mosquitoes? No! Mosquitoes breed in standing water. The action of the rain garden and plants do not allow the water to remain on the surface long enough for mosquito larvae to hatch.

? Won't water get into the basement or crawlspace of your home? No! If properly situated, rainwater will be carried away from the foundation of your home, and slowly percolate into the ground.

? Is it difficult or costly to install a rain garden? No! An average 6' x 6' rain garden may take a homeowner just a few hours to install at a cost of less than \$4.00 per square foot, including soil amendments and plants!

Every person has an individual responsibility to improve the earth. If we all do our part, we can make a difference in the world, for our children and future generations to come. Contact **Naturally Native Nursery** for more information: 419-833-2020 or visit our website at www.naturallynative.net



Naturally Native Nursery can help you install a beneficial rain garden in just a few hours. We can provide the instructions, design and plant materials best suited for your site. We can install the entire garden for you, or you can do it yourself. A rain garden is a low maintenance, inexpensive and beautiful solution to one of the Midwest's largest sources of water pollution. Become part of the solution!



Wild Bergamot



Foxglove Beardtongue



Blue Flag Iris



Golden Alexanders

These are some of the many wonderful, colorful flowers that can be used for raingardens. These plants are especially adapted for both wet and dry conditions. Incorporating many different species in your raingarden will, in turn, attract a wide variety of butterflies and songbirds. These plants will thrive, providing nectar, shelter and seeds for the wildlife for many years to come. Their deep root systems will absorb water and contaminants.



Sneezeweed



Joe-Pye Weed



Cardinal Flower



Blue Vervain



Mountain Mint



Tall Ironweed



Newly Installed Residential Rain Garden