

NORTHERN RAIN GARDIENS

A Rain Garden gathers runoff from rooftops, driveways and lawns. This water often carries pollutants. Instead of the runoff going into the storm sewer or into lakes and streams, it can be diverted to a shallow depression. “the Rain Garden.” Here the water is contained and filtered through the roots of the Rain Garden plants and the soil of the Rain Garden, effectively removing pollutants and replenishing our ground water supply.

Plant and Rain Garden and you will:

- Replenish the groundwater supply

- Remove pollutants

- Add beauty to your surroundings

- Create habitat for birds and butterflies

- Protect lakes and streams from erosion

- Lessen discharge into wastewater treatment plants

Locate your Northern Rain Garden on a slope at least twenty feet from your building foundations.

Size: A shallow depression 3 to 4 inches deep.

Sandy area – Use 1 plant for approximately every 5 square feet of roof area

Loam soil – Use 1 plant for approximately every 3 square feet of roof area

Clay soil – Use 1 plant for approximately every 2 square feet of roof area

