

Rain Gardens

are bowl-shaped depressions that capture rain water and snow melt and allow it to soak in rather than run off.

Rain gardens help prevent lake and stream pollution and provide habitat for birds and beneficial insects.

Rainwater Harvesting

saves money and energy by using “free” water; conserve precious groundwater by using rainwater instead of potable water for outdoor uses; nourish plants with naturally soft, untreated water; and help protect lakes and streams by reducing stormwater pollution.

Native Landscaping

mimics the complex prairies that used to exist here. By using plants best suited to our climate in a diverse plant community, a habitat for beneficial insects, birds and mammals is created.



TOP TEN LIST FOR INSTALLING A RAIN GARDEN

10. Provides habitat and food for birds and beneficial insects.
9. Beautiful blooms to enjoy in spring, summer and fall.
8. Helps recharge groundwater.
7. Helps Dane County's lakes, streams and fish by reducing stormwater pollution.
6. Reduces the amount of turf you have to mow, water, fertilize, and maintain and increases your free time.
5. Helps minimize local flooding.
4. Is a natural outdoor classroom for kids and adults alike.
3. No need for fertilizers and pesticides making it a welcome area for all living creatures.
2. Some municipalities offer credit for installing and maintaining a rain garden.
1. So you're not the only one on your block without one!

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Plant Dane! Rain Garden Workshop

Rain Gardens Native Landscaping Rainwater Harvesting

Learn how implementing these simple, effective and beautiful ideas in your yard can help local lakes and streams.

**Saturday, March 12, 2016
9 a.m.–12p.m.**

Lussier Family Heritage Center
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison, WI 53711

\$5



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9:00 a.m. *registration and refreshments, displays*

9:15 a.m. **Benefits of Harvesting Rainwater**

How to Plan for and Install Rain Gardens

Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program

Q&A

12 p.m. Adjourn

Agenda subject to change.

Workshop will cover:

- Site selection
- How to gauge size
- Site preparation
- Plant selection, especially for pollinators
- Installation, including digging, planting and establishment
- Maintenance
- Additional resources



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Register by March 4th.

TO REGISTER:

Online registration- Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/plant-dane-rain-garden-workshop-tickets-21063002006>

Mail in registration: Complete the registration form and mail along with payment to the address listed below. Registration due by March 4th. Enclose \$5 for each participant. Make checks payable to "Dane County Treasurer."

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Mail forms with payment to:
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