

## What is a Rain Garden?

A Rain Garden is simply a shallow depression in the yard that is planted with native wetland or wet prairie wildflowers and grasses. It is designed to naturally collect water that runs off from the roof or is discharged from the sump pump.

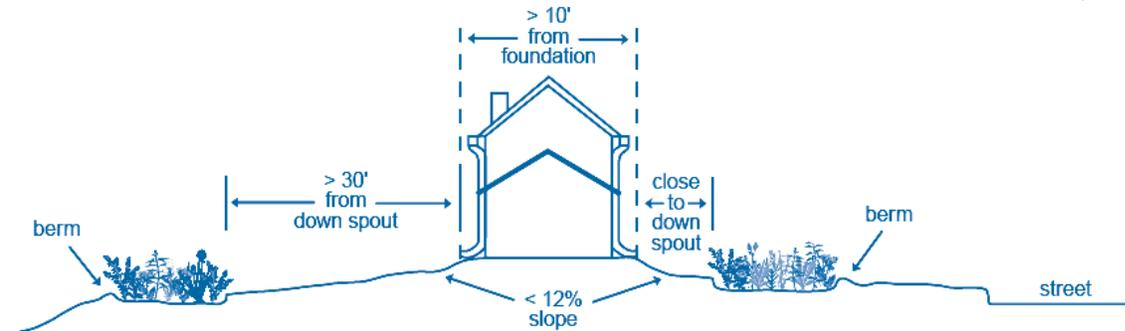


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For more guidance on rain garden design and construction visit:

<http://www.burnsville.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=448>

[http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/home\\_rgmanual.pdf](http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/home_rgmanual.pdf)

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/wq-strm8-14af.pdf>

local landscapers or nurseries



## New Brighton's Single Family House or Duplex House Stormwater Credit

An adjustment of 25% will be made to the Stormwater Utility fee for one or more gardens that are 100 square feet in size and meet the following design criteria:

- A. The garden shall be at least 10 feet away from any building.
- B. The garden shall not be located in an area of the yard with slopes greater than 12 percent.
- C. The garden shall be located in a depression between 4 to 10 inches deep or have a berm 4 to 10 inches high on the down slope side.
- D. Water in the garden shall infiltrate within 48 hours after a rain event.
- E. The garden shall not contain any weeds deemed a public nuisance in New Brighton City Code Section 17.
- F. The garden shall consist of native plants listed in one of the following documents:
  - a. *BlueThumb Plant List* by Rice Creek Watershed District
  - b. *The Minnesota Stormwater Manual appendix E: Minnesota Plant List and Application* by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
  - c. *Restoring & Managing Native Wetland & Upland Vegetation* by Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources & Minnesota Department of Transportation
  - d. *Seeding Manual* by Minnesota Department of Transportation

## Nature Program

The Ramsey Conservation District (RCD), in partnership with the Capitol Region Watershed District and the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, will provide free technical assistance and is offering to pay up to 50% of eligible materials cost (from \$100.00 up to \$1000.00) for implementing restoration projects that create habitat and protect lakes, streams, and wetlands. Those interested in receiving cost share will go through an application process. Due to limited funding, not all applicants will receive financial assistance. Successful applicants will sign a cost share contract, agreeing to maintain the restoration for a minimum of five years. Cost-share grants are available for residential and municipal projects that improve water quality. Eligible projects include raingardens and shoreline plantings. Ramsey - contact Ryan Johnson [ryan.johnson@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:ryan.johnson@co.ramsey.mn.us) or 651-266-7270