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Rain Gardens

In the last issue we learned that Rain Barrels are a good source of free water, but also can act like a mini retention pond. There is another way to reduce local flooding, and have an attractive home feature too!

Rain Gardens are a small depressional area in a yard, usually at the end of a downspout outlet that allow water to build up during a storm, and slowly let that water into the ground after the rain.

These areas can be planted with a variety of native flowering plants adding curb appeal to your property, and serving your neighborhood to reduce flooding!

Because these areas drain slowly back into the ground they do not provide a place for mosquitoes to breed.

For more information on building a rain garden, you can visit...

<http://www.raingardens.org>

<http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com/html/636.htm>

Or call the Clark County Soil & Water Conservation District!

Facts & Figures



Rain gardens are a great addition to any home! (photo courtesy www.raingardens.org)

Fact: Rain gardens can hold back water displaced by a roof and can help **prevent** local **flooding**.

Fact: A rain garden drains slowly and provides **no place** for mosquitoes to breed.

Fact: Rain gardens can be an attractive home feature.

Project: Build a rain garden to add curb appeal to your home and reduce stormwater runoff!

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WHAT CAN I DO?

Build: A rain small rain garden can usually be built in a weekend.

Help: Rain Gardens can help to reduce local flooding issues.



Fall has arrived! Start those leaf blowers!

More Information

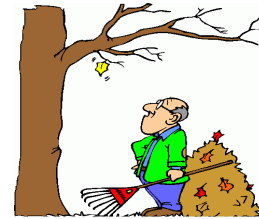
Sellersburg: In the spring, summer and fall the Town will provide dumpsters at the waste water treatment plant located at 701 Bean Road, for yard waste. Watch local newspapers for information. In Fall, leaf pickup is on a weekly basis.

Jeffersonville: Yard waste will be collected on the same day as your trash pick up. Yard waste must be placed in brown paper lawn bags or a trash container marked "yard waste" (no plastic bags). Do not mix trash in with yard waste. No dirt or rocks. Any questions can be addressed by the Stormwater Hotline: 812-280-4730.

Don't Forget!

Leaves can easily clog storm drains and culverts and prevent rain and snow melt from making their journey to the nearest lake or stream.

Be sure to collect and dispose of leaves properly. They can be a wonderful addition to your backyard compost pile!



Community Hotlines

If you have questions or concerns about stormwater issues or stormwater quality in your neighborhood, there are contacts in each community to help you.

Clarksville 812-288-7155, ext. 334

Jeffersonville 812-280-4730

Sellersburg 812-246-3821, ext. 6

Clark County 812-256-2330, ext. 3



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