

Handy Resources about Rain Gardens*

Publications (printed and/or on-line)

- *Rain Garden how-to manual for homeowners*. 32 pages, detailed instructions, plant lists, garden designs. WI DNR Publication PUB-WT-776 2003; also known as University of Wisconsin-Extension, UWEX Publication GWQ037, 1-06-03-5M-100-S.

Rain Gardens: A household way to improve water quality in your community.
Brochure. GWQ 034 1-01-02-5M-50-S (UW Extension); DNR WT 731-2002 (WI DNR)

Each publication listed above is available on-line at:

<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/raingarden/index.html>

Or call: 608-947-7827; or toll-free 877-947-7827 (Madison, WI)

- *Low-impact Design Strategies*. Prince George's County, MD. 150-page, on-line manual on hydrological strategies, including rain gardens.
www.epa.gov/owow/nps/lidnatl.pdf
- *Build Your Own Rain Garden*. Rain garden basics and garden designs, with plant suggestions. <http://www.appliedeco.com/RainGardens.cfm>
- *Plants for Stormwater Design*. D. Shaw and R. Schmidt, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, July 2003. 369-page manual on plants to use in rain gardens and storm basins. Suggests species lists for different types of projects. Information on wetland plants. To order, call 651-297-8679. Available on-line at:
www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/manuals/stormwaterplants.html

Web Sites

- City of Maplewood, MN www.ci.maplewood.mn.us (use "search"; key words: "rainwater gardens")
Rain garden photos, plant lists, sample garden designs, maintenance manual
- EPA website about stormwater runoff
<http://www.epa.gov/weatherchannel/stormwater.html>
- Friends of Bassett Creek www.mninter.net/~stack/rain/index.htm
Excellent list of rain garden plants, with photos of each.
- Fulton Neighborhood, Minneapolis – Landscaping for Rainwater Management
<http://www.fultonneighborhood.org/lfrwm.htm>
- Gopher State One Call: 800-252-1166; www.gopherstateonecall.org
Call before you dig!
- Prairie Nursery www.prairienursery.com/catalog/cat_raingarden.asp
Planting plans for sun gardens in sandy soil or clay soil, along with plant lists.
- RainGardens of West Michigan www.raingardens.org
A clearinghouse for rain-garden how-to's, benefits, garden designs, and more.

* Choose plants that are compatible with the hardiness zone(s) for each particular plant. The USDA Hardiness Zone map is available at: www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/.