

A rain garden is a low area in your yard designed to hold rain for 24-48 hours.

What does a rain garden do?



Helps rainwater replenish our drinking water aquifer



Adds beauty to your yard and supports pollinators



Gives plants time to absorb excess nutrients and pollutants



Reduces short-term flooding

Where do I put a rain garden?



At least 10 feet from your house



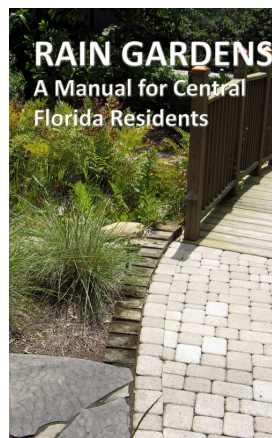
Where downspout or roof runoff flows



At least 25 feet from septic system drain fields and wells

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How do I build a rain garden?

1

Identify a location where rain already flows in your yard or where erosion is occurring.

2

Call 811 to locate underground utilities (free).

3

Dig a shallow depression from the downspout to the garden with a slight slope.

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Dig a 4"-8" deep depression for your rain garden.

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Build berms on the sides and the downslope edge.

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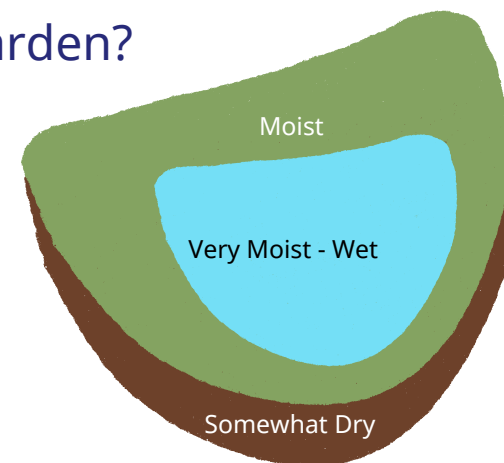
Add compost to sandy soils if needed. Plant and mulch.

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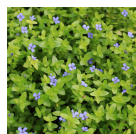
Water if needed during very dry conditions.

Enjoy!

What do I plant in a rain garden?



Very Moist - Wet



Lemon Bacopa (1/2 - 1 ft)



Crinum Lily (1-3 ft)



Water Hyssop (1-3 ft)



Pink Swamp Milkweed
(1 - 3 1/2 ft)



Blue Flag Iris (4 ft)



Canna Lillies (6 ft)

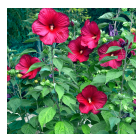
Moist



Aquatic Milkweed (1-3 ft)

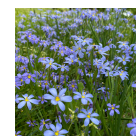


Swamp Sunflower (2-6 ft)



Red Swamp Mallow (4-8 ft)

Moist - Somewhat Dry



Blue-eyed grass (1/2 - 1 ft)



Fakahatchee Grass (4-6 ft)



Elderberry (6-13 ft)