

# RAIN GARDENS



Rain gardens are perennial gardens strategically located to capture runoff from impervious surfaces. Rain gardens increase aesthetic value, absorb water, reduce runoff, protect water quality, and prevent flooding.



Rain gardens add beauty and interest to your landscape.

## CONNECTION TO WATER QUALITY

Come learn more about Rain Gardens!

A rain garden workshop will be held from 6:30-8:00 pm on Wednesday, May 14th at the Kirkendall Public Library located at 1210 NW Prairie Ridge Drive in Ankeny.

Urban conservationists will talk about rain gardens and other landscaping practices, such as soil quality improvement for a healthy lawn, and installing stream buffers along creeks that may be adjacent to your property.

Jennifer Welch and Karen Hansen (Urban Conservationists, located at Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District) will explain potential options for your landscape and outline the process for improving your soils and lawn.

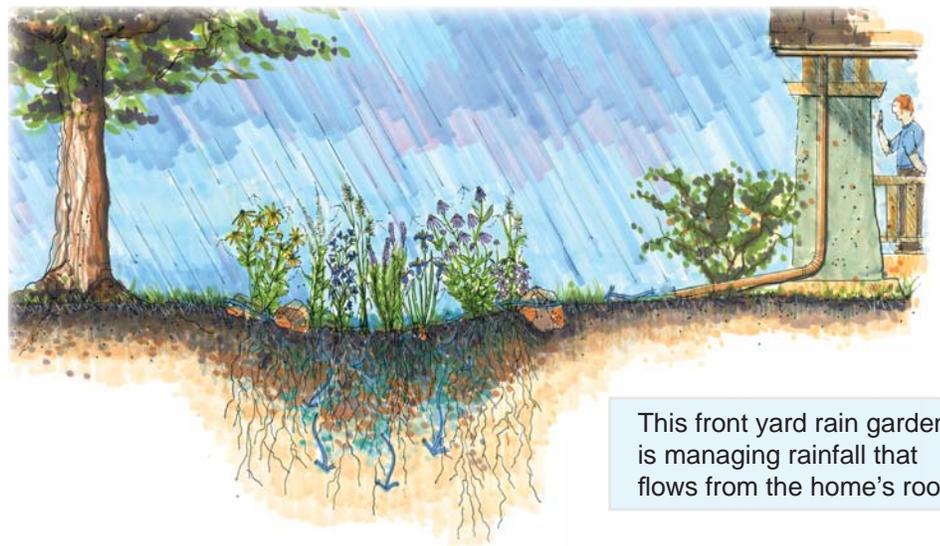
Please RSVP to [info@polk-swcd.org](mailto:info@polk-swcd.org) or call 515-964-1883 ext 3 to pre-register for the event. Registration is appreciated but not required.

Residents that live in the Four Mile Creek Watershed may be eligible for cost share assistance through Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District to install landscaping for clean water in their yards. Residents in other areas may also be eligible for additional funding assistance for certain practices.



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This front yard rain garden is managing rainfall that flows from the home's roof.