

Rain Gardens

are bowl-shaped depressions that capture rain water and snow melt and allow it to soak in rather than run off.

Rain gardens help prevent lake and stream pollution and provide habitat for birds and beneficial insects.

Rain Barrels

save money and energy by using “free” water; conserve precious groundwater by using rain water instead of potable water for outdoor uses; nourish plants with naturally soft, untreated water; and help protect lakes and streams by reducing stormwater pollution.

Native Landscaping

mimics the complex prairies that used to exist here. By using plants best suited to our climate in a diverse plant community, a habitat for beneficial insects, birds and mammals is created.



Retain the Rain!

Workshop

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Saturday, March 2, 2013

9:00 a.m.–noon

\$5

Register early!



Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership
608-224-3746 info@myfairlakes.com



Retain the Rain! Workshop

Learn how
Rain Gardens
Native Landscaping
Rain Barrels

implementing these simple, effective and beautiful ideas in your yard can help local lakes and streams.

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at the Verona Public Library
500 Silent Street, Verona, WI 53593

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AGENDA

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8:45 a.m. *registration and refreshments*

9:00 **How to Plan for and Install Rain Gardens**

Using Native Plants in Landscaping Around the Home

Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program

Benefit of Rain Barrels

Q&A

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Agenda subject to change.

Bring a sketch of your yard with approximate dimensions to plan your rain garden or native planting. Workshop will cover:

- Site selection
- How to gauge size
- Site preparation
- Plant selection
- Installation, including:
 - digging
 - planting
 - establishment
- Maintenance
- additional resources

TOP TEN LIST FOR INSTALLING A RAIN GARDEN

10. Provides habitat and food for birds and beneficial insects.
9. Beautiful blooms to enjoy in spring, summer and fall.
8. Helps recharge groundwater.
7. Helps Dane County's lakes, streams and fish by reducing stormwater pollution.
6. Reduces the amount of turf you have to mow, water, fertilize, and maintain and increases your free time.
5. Helps minimize local flooding.
4. Is a natural outdoor classroom for kids and adults alike.
3. No need for fertilizers and pesticides making it a welcome area for all living creatures.
2. Some municipalities offer credit for installing and maintaining a rain garden.
1. So you're not the only one on your block without one!



REGISTRATION

Space is limited; register early. Copy as necessary. Registration due by February 22nd. Enclose \$5 for each participant. Make checks payable to "Dane County Treasurer."

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Mail forms with payment to:
Retain the Rain! Workshop
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Contact Marcia Hartwig at 608-224-3746 or hartwig@countyofdane.com with questions.