

# UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP

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Learn how to design, install, and maintain your own rain garden during this unique hands-on workshop and installation.

The workshop cost is FREE and will include gardening-related door prizes. Please provide your name and phone number using the contact information below to register. Registration deadline is May 6, 2022.

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## ALL ABOUT RAIN GARDENS

While the start of spring and warmer days is certainly exciting, it's important to not overlook what else comes with an increase in seasonal rain – stormwater pollution. Stormwater is any water that comes from precipitation and snow/ice melt. As this water flows toward your local bodies of water, it picks up pollutants along its path. These pollutants include debris, sediment, pesticides, fertilizers, pet waste and more. These excess stormwater flows, or runoff, can cause soil erosion, stream impairment, flooding, and harm fish and wildlife. With the season being a great time for homeowners to think about lawn care and home improvement projects, consider building a rain garden as this year's outdoor activity that can help mitigate these stormwater impacts.

## WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN?

In its most simple design, a rain garden is a type of garden strategically located so that it can intercept stormwater and allow it to soak into the soil. It is an attractive landscaping feature planted with perennial native plants and can reduce flooding while also filtering polluted rain runoff from impervious surfaces like streets or sidewalks, parking lots, rooftops, etc. A rain garden is not a water garden, nor is it a pond or a wetland. Rain gardens are dry most of the time, and typically only hold water during and following a rainfall event.

## BENEFITS OF A RAIN GARDEN AND WHY WE NEED THEM

Rain gardens assist with recharging the groundwater supply, filtering stormwater runoff before it enters local waterways, and reducing peak water flows. Rain gardens can also provide habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Join our Rain Garden Workshop and learn more.