

Raingardens

The secret to clean water is in the roots!



City of St. Cloud - SWCD

You can plant a rain garden at home to capture runoff from your rooftop, driveway or street. The runoff soaks into the garden within two days and is cleaned by the plants and the soil.



Union Church, Elk River - SWCD

Raingardens are a beautiful way to keep our favorite lakes and rivers clean. They ensure a steady supply of groundwater and attract birds and butterflies.



Lake Orono, Elk River- SWCD



Why raingardens?

Properly designed raingardens:

- 🌸 Beautify your landscape
- 🌸 Reduce pollution to lakes, rivers and streams
- 🌸 Reduce flooding and erosion
- 🌸 Attract birds and butterflies
- 🌸 Protect fish and other aquatic animals

Raingardens DO NOT:

- 🌸 attract mosquitoes
- 🌸 hold water more than 2 days
- 🌸 require more maintenance than other gardens
- 🌸 cost lots of money



Learn more about raingardens at
www.BlueThumb.org



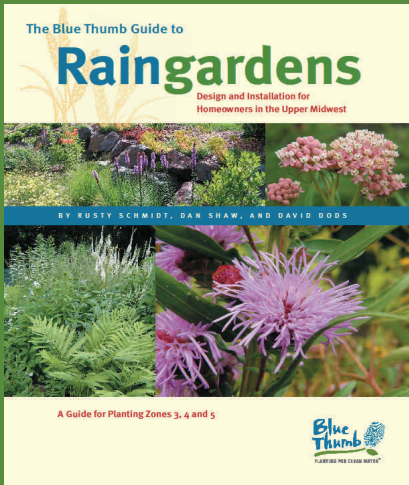


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Plan today, plant tomorrow!

The Blue Thumb Guide to Raingardens leads you through the basics of designing and installing a raingarden in your yard. \$17.95

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Big Elk Lake Raingarden
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Raingardens come in all shapes and sizes, and can complement existing landscaping.



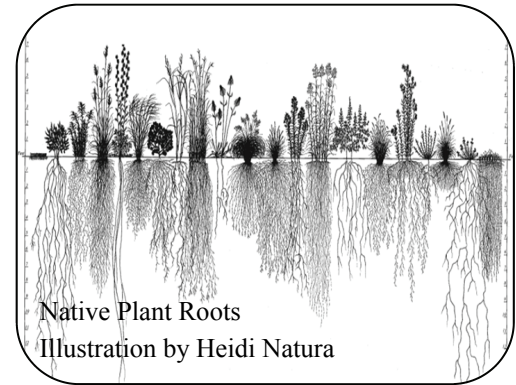
Orrock Twp. Raingarden
SWCD

Place your garden where it will capture run-off from your rooftop or driveway.



Swallowtail butterflies on coneflower

Native plants and deep-rooted garden perennials are best for raingardens



Native Plant Roots
Illustration by Heidi Natura

Deep roots help to soak water into the ground and break up compacted soil.



Butterflyweed

Native plants are drought resistant and do not require fertilizer or pesticides.



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Raingardens work in both sandy and clay soils and can also be planted in the shade.