

## Rain Gardens

Rain gardens are specially-designed gardens that collect and infiltrate stormwater from impervious areas such as roofs, driveways, and heavily-compacted lawns. They are usually planted with native vegetation, though ornamentals may also be used. They can look as manicured or as natural as the gardener chooses.

The gardens are usually designed to retain stormwater long enough for it to infiltrate into the ground. Maintenance is similar to that of any garden. The first couple of years require regular weeding, but once established, the native plants tend to crowd out most weeds. Building rain gardens is a great way for individuals to get involved in improving our lakes and streams.

Resources for further information:

[Carolina Clear](#)