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WHY PLANT A RAIN GARDEN?

Rain gardens absorb rainwater, so they can help:

- Recharge our groundwater
- Protect neighbourhoods from flooding and drainage problems
- Keep our streams clean by reducing the amount of polluted runoff that goes into street drains
- Provide habitat for birds, butterflies and other insects

Install a rain garden to capture rainwater and help protect our streams as well as our neighbourhoods!



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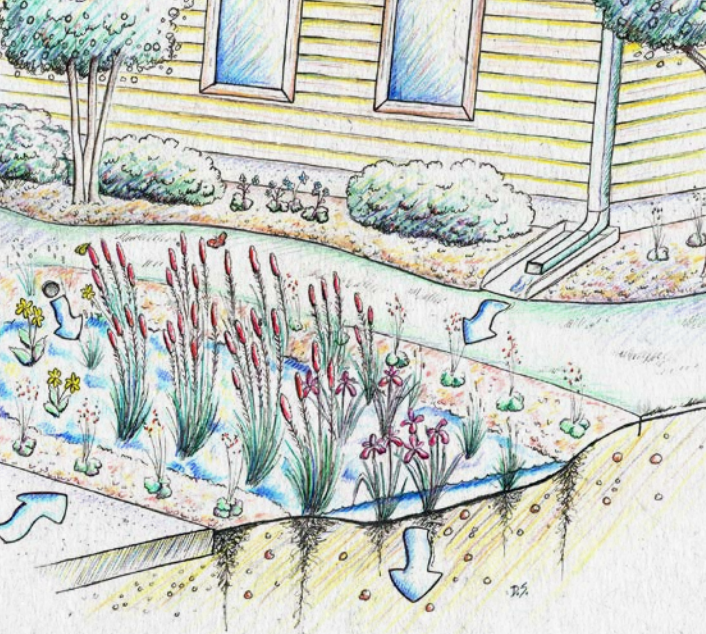
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RAIN GARDEN REBATE PROGRAM 2020



For homeowners





 Dan Shaw, Waterdrop Innovations

WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN?

A rain garden is a landscaped depression that will soak up rainwater runoff from the roof of a house or garage, or other hard surface like a parking area. The rainwater is absorbed into the soil instead of flowing into a storm drain that empties into our local streams. Rain gardens are often planted with wildflowers or other species that provide homes and food for birds and insects.

Contact EcoSuperior for more information about rain garden workshops and training.



HOW DO I QUALIFY?

1. Attend a Rain Garden Workshop hosted by EcoSuperior, or complete online training.
2. Complete a rebate application form and submit to EcoSuperior.
3. Book a rain garden site visit and receive project approval.
4. Install your rain garden. Must be on a residential property in the City of Thunder Bay.
5. Book your follow-up rain garden site visit with EcoSuperior. Complete rain garden evaluation forms.
6. Submit receipts for approved expenses to receive rebate.

WHAT EXPENSES ARE ELIGIBLE?

- ✓ Plants (at least 50 percent must be wildflowers or native plant species)
- ✓ Soil amendments (sand, compost, low-clay topsoil)
- ✓ Gravel or rock
- ✓ Mulch and edging (flagstone or other pavers, metal, plastic)
- ✓ Other pre-approved expenses

The rebate will cover expenses up to \$500. A limited number of rebates are available on a first come, first served basis.