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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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# RAIN GARDEN REBATE PROGRAM

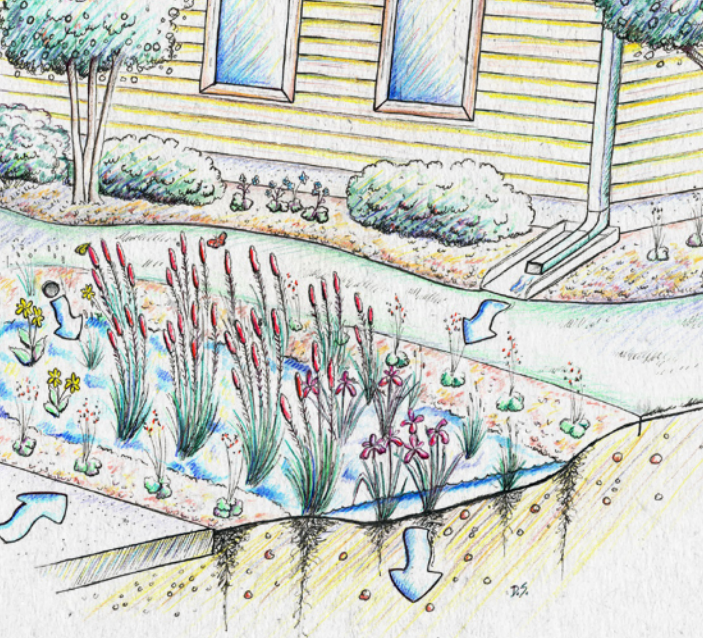



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## WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN?

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.