



Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington Homeowners

You can make an important contribution to reduce the amount of storm water coming off the roof of your house by incorporating rain gardens in your yard. Before the environment was disturbed by development, abundant trees and other vegetation helped to control this runoff. The forests slowed down the rate that rain hit the ground, and unpaved land with plants and established root networks were able to absorb most of the runoff. This natural system prevented erosion in streams and cleaned the rainwater through ground infiltration. A rain garden takes the water from your roof to a garden before it has a chance to go into a storm drain system. To learn more about how to install a rain garden pick the link below.

<http://raingarden.wsu.edu/>

or stop by City Hall and pick up a Rain Garden handbook for “free”.