

Where runoff flows, a rain garden grows

A rain garden uses vegetation to slow the flow of stormwater from your roof, driveway, and yard.

Turn this...



...into this



...or this



How to create YOUR rain garden

1. Choose a low-lying site that receives runoff
2. Prepare the soil to a depth of 6 inches
3. Select wetland-type plants
4. Install plants, water thoroughly, and add 3 inches of mulch
5. Weed regularly and mulch every spring



NC Department of Transportation uses rain gardens in the form of bioretention areas to reduce pollutants carried in stormwater that flows off our roads.



NCDOT Hydraulics & Roadside Environmental Units

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Be part of the **solution** to stormwater **pollution**—plant a rain garden in your yard.