

## Visit Local Rain Gardens

Take a self-guided walking tour of the rain gardens in North Everett. Explore the diversity created by local homeowners. Seven of the properties were a part of a pilot demonstration program and were installed in 2010. The rest are 2014 rebate recipients. Backyard rain garden are set-up to be viewed through a window in the fence. A complete list of rain gardens is available at [www.12000raingardens.org](http://www.12000raingardens.org), then click area map.

- 1811 Chestnut
- 830 Colby
- 1519 Colby (BY)
- 2315 Colby (BY)
- 1330 Lombard (P)
- 1333 Lombard (P)
- 1334 Lombard (P)
- 1418 Lombard (P)
- 1432 Lombard (P)
- 1516 Lombard (BY) (P)
- 1523 Lombard
- 1015 Oakes
- 1018 Oakes
- 1410 Oakes (P)
- 2127 Pine (BY)
- 2601 Rainier
- 1402 Rucker
- 1507 Rucker
- 2902 Victor Pl.
- 624 View Ridge
- 1531 Wetmore
- 2808 16th St.

(P) – Pilot program  
(BY) – Backyard viewing of garden



## Rain Garden Team

The rain garden team, assembled by Everett Public Works, is ready to educate, answer your questions and offer technical assistance. Call today to get started on your rain garden and other ways to put rain to work in your yard.

### RAIN GARDEN REBATES

City of Everett

425-257-8992

[ahynes@everettwa.gov](mailto:ahynes@everettwa.gov)

[www.everettwa.gov/LetItRain](http://www.everettwa.gov/LetItRain)



The City of Everett connects citizens to available resources, partners and contractors associated with the rebate program. Homeowners are guided through the rebate process, site and soil assessments and various rain garden design/installation methods. The city staff can answer questions about rain gardens, local flooding concerns and other city-related issues.

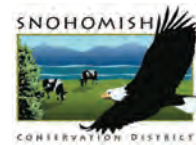
### RAIN GARDEN DESIGN

Snohomish Conservation District

425-337-7004

[kate@snohomishcd.org](mailto:kate@snohomishcd.org)

[www.snohomishcd.org](http://www.snohomishcd.org)



SCD staff can visit your property and provide assistance with drainage and flooding issues, low impact development tips, naturescaping and backyard conservation ideas. Design options are discussed that would fit with your soil and site requirements. After the visit, a plan and letter is developed for you, along with a checklist to guide you through the recommendations.

### RAIN GARDEN EDUCATION

WSU Snohomish Extension

425-357-6010

[MG.help@wsu.edu](mailto:MG.help@wsu.edu)

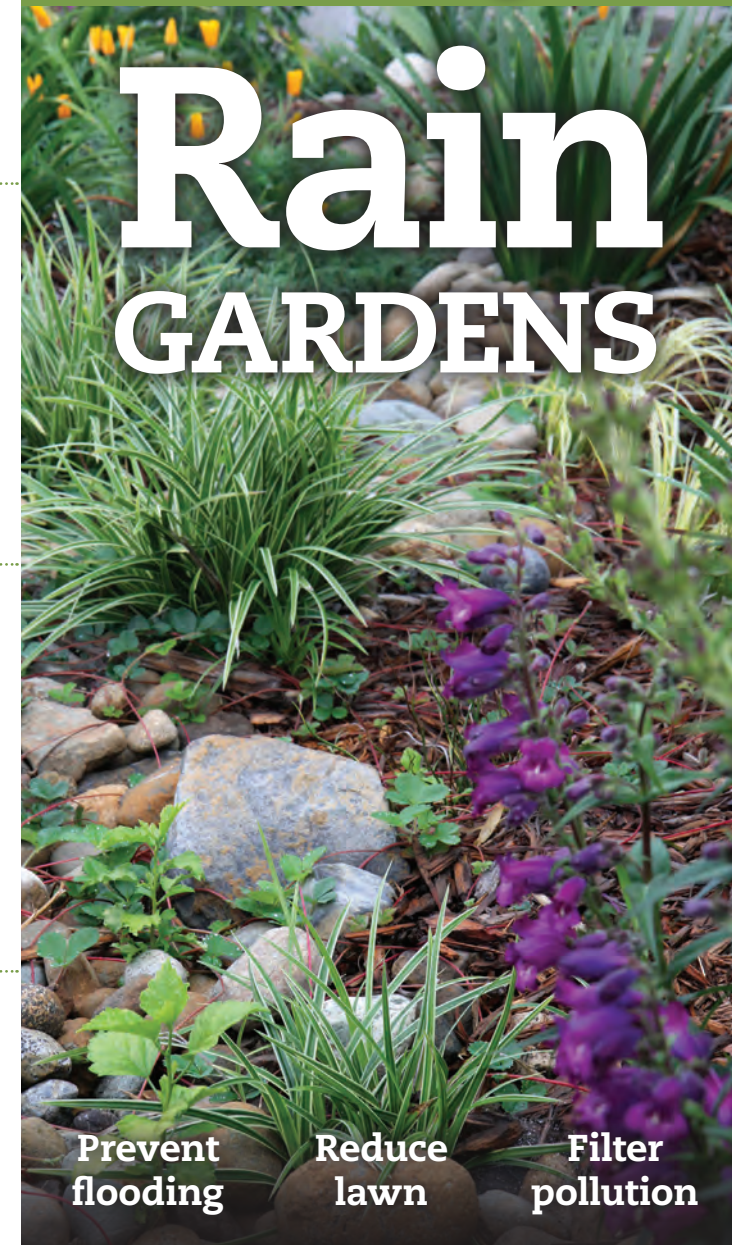
[www.raingarden.wsu.edu/Everett.html](http://www.raingarden.wsu.edu/Everett.html)

Rain Garden Mentors, specialty trained WSU Master Gardeners, provide assistance with plant selection, planting methods and maintenance guidelines for residents installing rain gardens. This assistance includes natural yard care recommendations and diagnostic service for any plants that may develop problems. This support is available throughout the installation and maintenance of your rain garden.



## Let it Rain Program

# Rain GARDENS



Prevent  
flooding

Reduce  
lawn

Filter  
pollution



Puget Sound  
Starts Here.org





## Cleaning up Puget Sound

Rain gardens can help clean up local waterways and protect aquatic life. When it rains or snows, more water runs off from developed areas than undisturbed areas. This stormwater runoff carries oil, fertilizers, pesticides, sediment and other pollutants downstream. Studies have shown that much of the pollution found in Puget Sound comes from urban stormwater runoff. This added volume of water and associated contaminants damages water resources and aquatic life. Rain gardens work like a sponge by slowing down and soaking up the flow of stormwater, along with filtering out pollutants, before it reaches groundwater or storm drains.

# What is a Rain Garden?

A rain garden is a landscaped area that collects, absorbs and filters stormwater runoff from roof tops, driveways, patios and other areas that don't allow water to soak in. This process can also recharge the local groundwater supply.

Rain gardens are a great, low-maintenance alternative to a lawn, and provide habitat for beneficial pollinators and wildlife. Lawns usually have a compact root structure that can be difficult for rain water to penetrate, whereas a rain garden has a specific soil mix and plants that soak up stormwater runoff. Rain gardens are simply shallow depressions that:

- Can be shaped and sized to fit your yard
- Are constructed with soil mixes that allow water to soak in rapidly and support healthy plant growth
- Can be landscaped with a variety of plants to fit the surroundings



## Anatomy of a Rain Garden



## Everett Rain Garden Rebates

Rebates are being offered by the City of Everett to homeowners who install an approved rain garden. The rebate will cover up to \$2,500 of project costs. There is a limited amount of rebates annually and priority will be given to homeowners with past flooding issues. Fall is the optimal time to install a rain garden therefore the rebate program has a set yearly timetable.

- Jan. – Mar. Informational Rebate Workshops
- Feb. – July Site Assessments, Design and Application
- Sept. – Nov. Pre-approved rain garden installations
- Dec. Rebates issued

Though there is a set timetable for the program, we highly encourage anyone interested in the rebate program to go to [www.everettwa.gov/LetItRain](http://www.everettwa.gov/LetItRain) or contact Apryl Hynes, 425-257-8992 or [everettpw@everettwa.gov](mailto:everettpw@everettwa.gov) to get on the rain garden mailing list.