



## What is a Rain Garden?

A rain garden is an ecological design that utilizes native plants to manage stormwater runoff. Rain gardens are planted in depressions that intercept stormwater runoff from roof tops, sidewalks, roads and parking lots. The extensive root systems of native plants naturally filter and absorb stormwater. The remaining water infiltrates through the soil and enters the water cycle through groundwater recharge. The result of this process is improved water quality.

## What plants are in a Rain Garden?

Typical plants found in an East-Central Illinois rain garden include: American Bellflower, Black Snakeroot, Bottle-brush Grass, Cinnamon Fern, Dutchman's Breeches, Gray Sedge, Jack-In-The-Pulpit, Orange Jewelweed, Virginia Bluebells, Blue Flag Iris, Cardinal Flower, Golden Alexander, Great Blue Lobelia, Mountain Mint, New England Aster, Palm Sedge, River Oats, Swamp Milkweed.

## When is the best time to visit the Rain Gardens?

Rain gardens change with the seasons. Generally summer is the peak bloom time. However, winter textures also provide an interesting aesthetic.

## Who can I contact with questions?

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- 01 Residential, 605 E. Sunnycrest Ct.
- 02 Residential, 1005 Fairview Ave.
- 03 Red Oak Rain Garden, 1005 W. Gregory Dr.
- 04 City of Urbana Public Works, 700 S. Glover Ave.
- 05 Robeson Elementary School, 2501 Southmoor Dr.
- 06 Residential, 701 W. Washington St.
- 07 Unit 4 School District – Melon Bldg., 703 S. New St.
- 08 Residential, 1114 W. Green St.
- 09 Residential, 1015 W. Daniel St.
- 10 Residential, 924 W. Daniel St.
- 11 Residential, 1002 W. Daniel St.
- 12 Residential, 703 S. Willis Ave.
- 13 Residential, 608 S. Willis St.
- 14 Residential, 1506 Alma Dr.
- 15 Residential, 510 S. Draper Ave.
- 16 Residential, 1015 W. Daniel St.
- 17 Residential, 509 S. Draper Ave.
- 18 Residential, 710 Hamilton Dr.
- 19 Meadowbrook Church, 1902 S. Duncan Rd.
- 20 Residential, 1215 Foothill Dr.
- 21 Residential, 1001 W. John St.
- 22 Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance, 302 N. First St.
- 23 Residential, 1008 W. Hill St.
- 24 Scott Park, 200 E. Springfield Ave.

