

Rain Gardens

are bowl-shaped depressions that capture rain water and snow melt and allow it to soak in rather than run off.

Rain gardens help prevent lake and stream pollution and provide habitat for birds and beneficial insects.

Rain Barrels

save money and energy by using “free” water; conserve precious groundwater by using rain water instead of potable water for outdoor uses; nourish plants with naturally soft, untreated water; and help protect lakes and streams by reducing stormwater pollution.

Drip Irrigation

conserves water by watering only at the base of the plant at a slow rate that allows the water to soak in at the roots and minimizes soil erosion.

Native Landscaping

mimics the complex prairies that used to exist here. By using plants best suited to our climate in a diverse plant community, a habitat for beneficial insects, birds and mammals is created.

Saturday, April 9, 2011
8:30 a.m.–noon
\$5



Retain the Rain! Workshop

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Dane County UW–Extension
Sustain Dane



1 Fen Oak Ct., Madison, WI
www.danewaters.com/location.aspx

Directions

From the Beltline:
Exit and go north on Hwy 51. Turn right (east) onto Broadway and continue to the four-way stop. Turn left onto Agriculture Drive. Take the first right, World Dairy Drive. Turn right into 1 Fen Oak Court and into the parking lot.



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Learn how:
Rain Gardens
Rain Barrels
Drip Irrigation
Native Landscaping
can help lakes and how to implement these simple, effective and beautiful ideas in your yard.

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8:30 **Drip Irrigation** Capital
Lawn Sprinkler, Inc.

Rain Barrels Jim
Guither, Sustain Dane

Tour on-site rain barrels,
rain garden and drip irrigation

Break

Rain Gardens and Native Landscaping
Sarina Lotlikar, Agrecol

Q&A

noon Adjourn

During the break, take time to view the handiwork of the Master Gardener volunteer program including the children's garden, rain garden, rock garden and more. The Dane County UW–Extension Horticulture program has replaced significant amounts of turf with a fabulous mix of trees, shrubs, native plants and other beautiful plants and flowers.

TOP TEN LIST FOR INSTALLING A RAIN GARDEN

10. Provides habitat and food for birds and beneficial insects.
9. Beautiful blooms to enjoy in spring, summer and fall.
8. Helps recharge groundwater.
7. Helps Dane County's lakes, streams and fish by reducing storm water pollution.
6. Reduces the amount of turf you have to mow, water, fertilize, and maintain and increases your free time.
5. Helps minimize local flooding.
4. Is a natural outdoor classroom for kids and adults alike.
3. No need for fertilizers and pesticides making it a welcome area for all living creatures.
2. Some municipalities offer credit for installing and maintaining a rain garden.
1. So you're not the only one on your block without one.



REGISTRATION

Space is limited; register early. Up to two people may register on each form. Copy as necessary. Registration due by March 31st. Enclose \$5 for each participant. Make checks payable to "Dane County Treasurer."

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

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Please mail forms with payment to:

Emily Capacik
Dane County UWEX
Retain the Rain! Workshop
One Fen Oak Court, Rm 138
Madison WI 53718-8812

Contact Lisa Johnson at 608-224-3715 with questions regarding registration. Contact Marcia Hartwig at 608-224-3746 with questions regarding the Plant Dane! Cost-Share program or workshop agenda.