

What Does it Take to Build a Rain Garden?



Plan it!

1. Choose a location
2. Figure out garden size
3. Get approval from your school
4. Create a timeline for the project
5. Get utility lines marked
6. Determine materials necessary to build the garden
 - i. How much will you need of each material?
 - ii. Who can help donate or loan supplies?

- a. Water source & Hose
- b. Plant Labels
- c. Large rocks for a boarder
- d. Measuring stick or tape measures
- e. Camera
- f. Spray pain or Stakes
- g. _____
- h.

- j. Topsoil
- k. Sand
- l. Plants
- m. Mulch
- n. Shovels
- o. Tarps
- p. Buckets
- q. Gloves

7. Plan how you will attain your materials by the necessary date
8. Advertise your project to the school to gather volunteers and tell people when you need them

Build it!

1. Mark out garden design in the grass with stakes or spray paint
2. Start digging - be sure to pile your dirt on tarps far enough away from the hole that it won't fall back in
3. Once you've excavated to 3ft start filling the hole back in with a mixture of 60% sand, 20%topsoil, and 20%soil you removed
4. Layout your plants on top of the garden
5. Put them in the soil and water them well
6. Place 3in of mulch over the top of the garden
7. Reinforce "berm" with large rocks
8. Dig shallow ditch so maximum runoff gets to your garden



Maintain it!

1. By agreeing to the Municipality of Anchorage Rain Garden Application/Agreement you get funds to help build your garden, in return you agree to maintain the garden for two years.
2. Replace plants if they die
3. Add a fresh layer of mulch each year
4. Weed the garden regularly
5. Water the garden during drought till plants get established