

Rain Garden Alternatives

Rain Gardens aren't for you? Soils don't drain?



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BUILD A BOG GARDEN

If your soils don't drain well enough to do a rain garden, maybe you'd like to try a bog garden. Embrace the soil and climate we have and enhance an area of your yard with plants that like to be wet all year. You'll provide great habitat too. Bog gardens can help regulate water flow, filter pollutants, and provide flood control.

For more information and ideas for how to get started, please contact the Master Gardeners
Email: MG.help@wsu.edu or call: 425-357-6010



TRY RAIN WATER COLLECTION

Although a single rain barrel fills up quickly (*a 1-inch rain storm could easily fill 5-10 barrels*), every bit helps in our struggle to manage stormwater runoff and reduce flows from large storm events. Plus, your plants will love rain water!

For more information and ideas for how to get started setting up your rain barrel or cistern system, please contact the Snohomish Conservation District.

www.snohomishcd.org or 425-335-5634, ext. 112

EXAMPLES SHOWN; Left, standard 55 gallon food grade barrel.

Right, installation of new 1,500 gallon septic tanks for collection and storage. Water is pumped to landscaped areas.



LAYERED LANDSCAPING

Plants and soil are another great way of managing and intercepting runoff. Adding compost to your lawn, incorporating some bermed landscape areas and a variety of trees, shrubs and groundcover can make a big difference for how water moves through your yard.

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