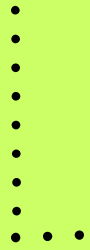


Rain Gardens



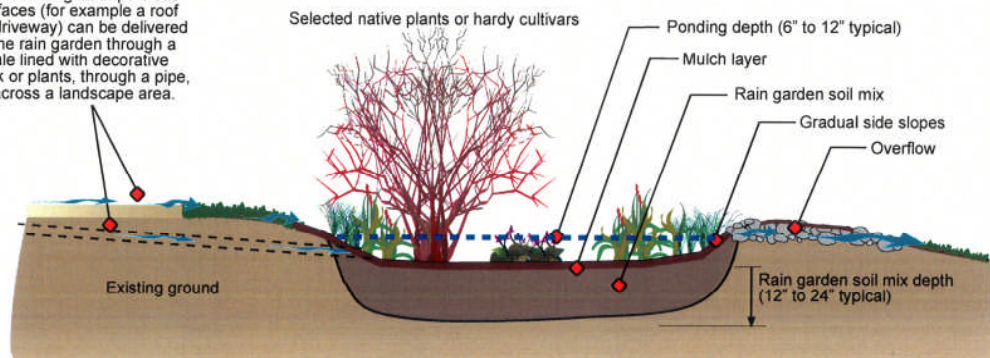
ANATOMY OF A RAIN GARDEN



Newly planted Seattle rain garden

Photo by Seattle Public Utilities

Water flowing off impervious surfaces (for example a roof or driveway) can be delivered to the rain garden through a swale lined with decorative rock or plants, through a pipe, or across a landscape area.



When properly designed and constructed, rain gardens drain rapidly with surface water present for only 1-2 days. Mosquitos take a minimum of about 4 days (many types of mosquitos take several days longer) to become adults after eggs are deposited in water.

Design Basics

Washington State University has an excellent publication on rain gardens. You can find it at:
www.pierce.wsu.edu/Lid/raingarden/Raingarden_handbook.pdf

Raingarden areas must equal 10% of the impervious area on your site