Purdue Rainscaping Education Program

Five Week Program

Session 1 – Introduction to Rainscaping
3:00 PM Welcome and Icebreaker
    Workshop logistics
3:25 Why reduce stormwater runoff
    Overview of rain gardens
    Community Partnerships
    Taking rain garden information to the public
4:15 Tour of local rain gardens
5:45 Return to Extension Office
Session 1 Evaluation
Home learning assignment for Session 2
9:00 Adjourn

Session 2 – Site Selection and Analysis
3:00 PM Welcome and overview of agenda/learning objectives
3:05 Classroom Discussion:
    • Site Selection and analysis, including soil type and testing, water flow, and growing conditions
    • Placement of rain garden
    • Size, shape, and other (non-plant selection) design parameters
    • Rain barrels
    • Interactive maps
3:55 Experiential Work:
    • Use online tools and conduct field work for siting, sizing, shape, and soil type/testing
5:50  Session 2 evaluation
5:55  Home learning assignment for Session 3
6:00  Adjourn

Session 3 – Plant Selection and Design
3:00 PM  Welcome, overview of agenda and learning objectives, review of Session 2
3:10  Classroom instruction
4:00  Break
4:15  Group Activity
5:45  Home learning assignment for Session 4 and Session 3 evaluation
6:00  Adjourn

Session 4 – Installation and Maintenance 3:00
   Welcome, overview of agenda/objectives
3:05  Installation techniques
3:15  Maintenance and Activity
3:35  Common Concerns About Rain Gardens
3:40  Rain Gardens Gone Bad
3:50  Break
4:00  Taking this information to the public
4:20  Session 4 evaluation and Overall evaluation
4:35  Work on demonstration rain garden
6:00  Adjourn

Demonstration Garden Work Day
3:00  Garden task instructions
6:00  Adjourn