



SUMMIT
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Master Rain Gardener Program



Train to be a Master Rain Gardener! Learn to design and install your own raingarden and be the raingarden expert in your neighborhood. Master Rain Gardeners help friends and neighbors to learn about, design, and plant raingardens.

Raingardens work with nature to collect and filter rainwater that runs off impervious surfaces like rooftops and driveways.

Impervious surfaces lead to increases in surface runoff and often result in increased flooding and stream bank erosion. As water travels over impervious surfaces, it also has the potential to pick up pollutants. Polluted stormwater runoff enters our rivers and lakes and is one of the leading threats to water quality in the United States.

The Master Rain Gardener Program will teach you how to manage rainwater in your own yard. Raingardens naturally manage stormwater by infiltrating precipitation and allowing it to soak into the ground rather than sending it directly to storm sewers and nearby streams untreated.

We will have a virtual orientation meeting for the class on June 09, 2022 when we will also provide links to the online classes. The series of online classes will have weekly zoom meetings where we will discuss the lessons. The first lesson will be discussed on June 16, 2022 and the last class will be discussed on July 14, 2022, with a week break for the holiday before. You may watch the classes at your convenience within the course timeline, and this allows for more flexibility. Summit SWCD will provide you with weekly feedback on your weekly homework assignments and quizzes.

Upon completion of the course you will receive your Master Raingardener certificate after you install your own raingarden or help to install or maintain a community raingarden as a volunteer.

Cost for the class is: \$25.00.

You may register for the class at: <https://sswcd.summitoh.net/featured/master-rain-gardener-program>. Registration and payment should be in our office by June 2, 2021.

Please call 330-926-2452 for more information and any questions that you may have.

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