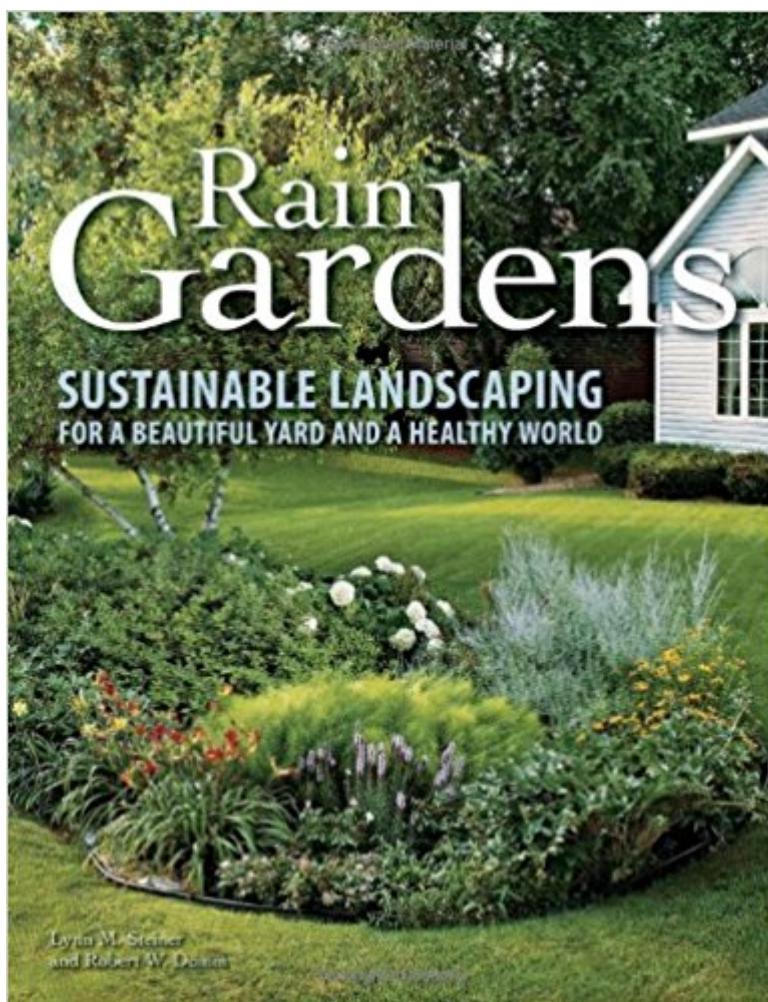


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# Rain Gardens: Sustainable Landscaping For A Beautiful Yard And A Healthy World



## **Synopsis**

Â Rain gardens are at the forefront of the green revolution. This environmentally friendly landscaping captures rainwater runoff rather than redirecting it into storm drains. The result is less erosion, less water pollution, and a beautiful, low-maintenance, sustainable garden. This is the first rain garden handbook for the backyard home gardener. Co-authors Robert Domm and Lynn Steiner draw on hands-on experience to help homeowners build beautiful rain gardens in their own yards. Illustrated with color photography, this instructive book offers specific advice about planning, building, planting, and maintaining your garden. Learn about city grants, how to calculate runoff, rain barrels, attracting wildlife, gray water recycling, and much more.Â

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## **Customer Reviews**

â œRain GardensÂ should be in every county extension office library, every bookstore, every home improvement store, and on your bookshelf if you have a property that can benefit from having a rain garden. Buy it and build it.â • - Horticulture MagazineÂ

Rain gardens allow rainwater to follow the natural course of the water cycleâ "absorbed into the ground, taken up by plants, and evaporated back into the atmosphere. This landscaping choice encourages rainfall on your property to stay on your property, where it can recharge the groundwater, irrigate your trees and shrubs, and even save you money on your water bill.Â The latest trend in the green revolution, rain gardens cost little to build, can be installed on just about any

property, and provide huge ecological benefits by minimizing erosion and reducing water pollution, all while adding to the beauty of your yard with an easy-to-maintain, sustainable garden. And they can help keep your basement dry. In this first user-friendly rain garden handbook designed exclusively for the backyard gardener, hydrology scientist Robert Domm and master gardener Lynn Steiner provide simple, low-cost ideas and advice to help you create your own rain garden using native flowers, shrubs, and trees.

This is the best comprehensive guide to rain gardens I have seen! The book's introduction educates the reader about water, explains what a rain garden is and its purpose. Steps for planning and constructing a rain garden are well explained and fully illustrated. Common tools needed are described and often pictured, which is a great aid to the do-it-yourselfer. Use of soil amendments and mulch are discussed and easy methods to calculate needed amounts are described. Lists of plants to encourage wildlife (hummingbirds and butterflies) discourage consumption by deer and provide seasonal interest are included. Especially helpful is the list of plants that tolerate road salt, since rain gardens built near roads have to deal with salt used on the roads for winter maintenance. Hints on selecting and purchasing plants--including use of natives as well as cultivars--are included and many plants are pictured and described in detail--height, bloom time and light requirements as well as their potential aggressiveness are discussed. There is a discussion of plants to avoid and a useful guide to perennials and grasses by height. One of the best in-depth features of this book is a long chapter on maintaining a rain garden. It covers subjects such as making and using compost, pruning of shrubs and hints on best times to add plants, weed, deadhead spent flowers, cut plants back.

Very interesting book. Just what I was looking for.

This reference gives detailed information on rain gardens. I used it to prepare presentations on the subject. Has lots of pictures.

Very informative with many ideas and ways of using a rain garden, and use of plants. Highly recommend it for anyone who wants to learn styles and types of plants to use in a rain garden.

Gift to a Watershed Specialist with the local conservation district, she loved it.

well written

A tad too much technical versus practical information....I was looking more for not only a plan but one with pictures of the step by step procedures involved in making/constructing a Rain Garden!

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