

## NATIVE PLANTS SURVIVE WITH EXCESS WATER HELD IN A RAIN GARDEN

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A rain garden is a simple and attractive way to control excess rainwater in your yard. A good spot for one is where rainwater already collects on a lawn after a storm. A rain garden controls erosion, prevents excess stormwater from flowing into nearby waterways and creates much needed pocket spaces for local wildlife to use for food and shelter. Rain gardens are constructed and planted with Florida-Friendly landscaping™ to hold rainwater in a basin for 24



hours or less. It creates wildlife habitat and improves the overall health of water quality locally. Construct one with two main parts: (1) a raised border or perimeter and (2) a shallow depression or basin holding 4-6 inches of water when filled.

Finding the right 'low' spot to dig a shallow depression in the yard is often challenging. Start by seeing if a wide enough basin with a raised soil border can be created in

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