

Lesson: What is a Rain Garden?

**Directions:** In order to teach others about Rain Gardens you will need to be able to explain its purpose, how one is built and how one is maintained. This lesson will give you to this information.

Most Rhode Islanders don't know about Rain Gardens. The University of Rhode Island's Healthy Landscape program recently published an article about Rain Gardens on its web site. You will read a copy of the article and then answer the questions on this worksheet. The answers can be found directly in the article. When all students are finished, the class will discuss the answers and be able to answer the question: **What is a Rain Garden?**

**Part A.**

Complete the following sentences taken from the section titled: *What is a Rain Garden?*

1. A Rain Garden is designed to...
  
2. They capture runoff before...
  
3. The Rain Garden is planted with...
  
4. Stormwater runoff is considered...
  
5. As watersheds become developed, urbanization and...

**Part B.** Use information from the section titled: *Benefits of a Rain Garden* to answer the following question.

1. List two benefits of Rain Gardens.

**Part C.** Complete the following sentences taken from: *Designing and Installing a Rain Garden.*

1. It is better to build a Rain Garden in...
  
2. Water should only pool in your Rain Garden...

**Part D.** Complete the following sentences taken from the section titled: *Choosing the Right Plants*.

1. It is best to use...

2. A variety of plants with...

**Part E.** Complete the sentence taken from the section titled: *Rain Garden Cost*.

1. If you do all the labor yourself the cost will depend on...

**Part F.** Complete the following sentence taken from the section titled: *Rain Garden Maintenance*.

1. While the plants in your garden are young...

**Part G.** Using what you have learned from this article write your own answer to the question: What is a Rain Garden? Include the purpose of a Rain Garden, how one is built and how it is maintained.