



## 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 an orientation meeting for the class on July 29, 2020 when we will also provide links to the online classes. The series of Online classes will be available starting on July 29<sup>th</sup> and should be completed by September 2, 2020. You may watch 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 Rain gardener 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.

Check out the program on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Summit-Soil-and-Water-Conservation-District-170451803004991/>. You may register for the class at: <https://sswcd.summitoh.net/featured/master-rain-gardener-program>.

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

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