

Rain Garden

Operation & Maintenance Plan

Weeding will be needed the first couple of years. Remove by hand only those plants you are certain are weeds. Try to get out all the roots of the weedy plants. Weeds may not be a problem in the second season, depending on the variety and tenacity of weeds present. In the third year and beyond, the native grasses, sedges, rushes, and wildflowers will begin to mature and will out-compete the weeds. Weeding isolated patches might still be needed on occasion and invasive species should always be removed.

After each growing season, the stems and seedheads should be left for winter interest, wildlife cover and bird food. Once spring arrives and new growth is 4 to 6 inches tall, cut all tattered plants back by hand and compost or dispose of as appropriate.

Integrity and function of the rain garden to collect and contain runoff from impervious areas, as it was designed, must be maintained.

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