

Other Resources

Snohomish County Natural Yard Care

<http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1097/Natural-Yard-Care>

Visit this website for plant lists and garden tips.

Snohomish County Master Gardeners

<http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/>

Did you know the Master Gardeners volunteer their time? They are available to answer your gardening questions.

Western Washington Rain Garden Handbook

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1310027.pdf>

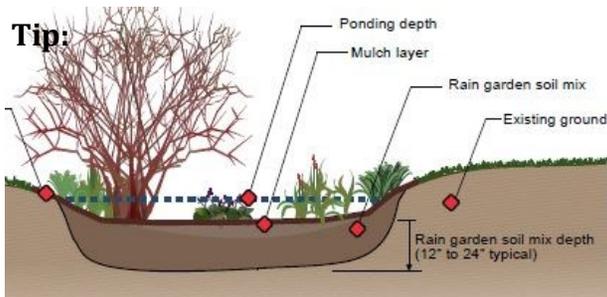
This handbook will give you directions for installing and maintaining rain gardens.

Snohomish Conservation District

<http://snohomishcd.org/>

Snohomish Conservation District provides soil tests, rain barrels, and education about rain gardens.

Tip:



Rain gardens reduce polluted runoff and can beautify your yard. They are designed to slow, filter, and absorb runoff from roofs and pavement. Rain gardens could be added as a feature in a sustainable garden.

Visit the City of Mill Creek's

Demonstration Gardens

The City has Sustainable Demonstration gardens at

- City Hall (15728 Main Street)
- Mill Creek Sno-Isle Library (15239 Bothell Everett Hwy)

The City also has a Waterwise Garden in front of Kindercare on Mill Creek Boulevard and Main

Questions?

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MILL CREEK SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE PROGRAM



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Sustainable Landscapes:

1. Require less maintenance by using the right plant in the right place.
2. Reduce environmental harm by using the correct plants. Careful fertilizer management and minimal power equipment.
3. Benefits wildlife by increasing biodiversity and when done with natives a wider variety of wildlife will be attracted.
4. Provides seasonal interest in the same way as conventional landscaping does. A variety of plant material provides a more natural appearance.

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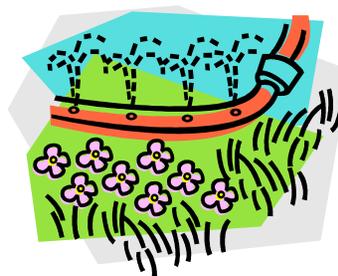


Provide a bird bath for wildlife habitat

Sustainable landscaping is low impact, low maintenance, low resource use landscaping that fits each particular site and climate - virtually taking care of itself. This is the gardener's definition of "sustainable."

Some believe that only natives should be used in a sustainable landscape, others believe that a mix of natives and non natives, often called ornamentals, are acceptable. The Arts & Beautification Advisory Board has discussed the issue and share the belief that natives and non natives are acceptable as long as the non natives are not invasive varieties and can thrive in the same conditions as the natives. Small areas of turf are acceptable if organic fertilizers are used and steps have been taken to improve the quality of soil.

Tip:



Install drip irrigation or soaker hoses

Get Your Landscape Certified

Visit the City of Mill Creek's Art's and Beautification Advisory Board webpage to get the application.

www.cityofmillcreek.com

All Sustainable Landscape certified participants will receive a beautiful award to display in your garden. (photo to the left)



Suggested items for sustainable gardens include:

Water Management- minimal/ permeable pavement, drought tolerant plants, drip irrigation/ soaker hoses, use of mulch, rain barrels, and rain gardens.

Biodiversity- native plants, a variety of plants, flowering or other food sources for wildlife, and compatible ornamentals.

Wildlife habitat- pond, large mature trees, nest boxes, rock gardens, bird baths, and fallen logs.

Minimal chemical use required.

Minimal fertilizer use required.

Minimal amount of lawn. The lawn should not be the main feature. It is suggested that there be a buffer of landscaping between the lawn and the sidewalk or street.

Optional features may include - compost area, vegetable garden, and fruit trees.

Tip:



Disconnect a downspout and install a rain barrel