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“Add Beauty To Your Yard With a Rain Garden”

Were you thinking of adding a new garden to your property this summer? If you have, consider adding a rain garden. The garden is planted in a depression or low spot in your yard, and is designed to intercept stormwater. The colorful plants used in the garden are water loving and can withstand wet soils. The saucer-shape of the garden will collect rainwater from your yard or gutter drains, filter out pollutants, absorb water into the ground and the plants, and prevent runoff into the storm sewers. Not only are the plants beautiful, but they will also attract a variety of wildlife, birds, and butterflies. Contact the Lake County Stormwater Management Department at 350-5900 for more information and a manual on constructing a rain garden in your yard. Remember, clean water is Lake County's Lifeline! www.lakecountyohio.gov/smd