



# Conserving Water

## Solutions for Your Landscape

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## Rain Gardens

No matter the weather, it's important that rain returns to the aquifer system, our source for water. Healthy and properly maintained landscapes help filter water as it runs off, protecting Florida's natural waters from pollution.

Rain gardens are a great way to help ensure that aquifers get their share of clean rainwater.

Rain gardens are shallow depressions planted with plants and grasses that filter water before letting it flow naturally into the ground. They work best when placed at the bottom of downspouts or in areas where water tends to puddle.

Rain gardens filter rain before it enters the aquifer. They're a great solution for that low or damp place in the landscape, and are typically planted with ferns, wildflowers, grasses, or other wetland plants. These plants tend to be tolerant of both wet and dry conditions.

Rain gardens are easy to make and add to the beauty of your landscape, while helping reduce pollution and making sure we'll have enough water for the future!

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