



CITY OF OWATONNA ADOPT-A-RAIN GARDEN APPLICATION



THE ADOPT-A-RAIN GARDEN PROGRAM was developed by the City of Owatonna to increase public awareness of water quality issues and solutions by making municipal rain gardens available for “adoption.” Your group can help improve the beauty and value of Owatonna’s neighborhoods by adopting a rain garden. Community groups, churches, individuals or businesses adopt a rain garden by picking up litter, weeding around native plants, and installing new mulch when needed.

What are the program benefits?

- It's a great opportunity for groups to get outside during nice weather and have fun gardening
- Your organization’s name will be acknowledged on a sign in the designated raingarden
- Properly maintained raingardens improve our water quality and reduce flood risks

Adopt a Rain Garden groups agree to:

- Adopt a rain garden for a minimum of two years.
- Pick up litter and weed the rain garden as often as needed during the growing season (spring to fall), usually two-three times a year.
- Spread new mulch throughout the rain garden as needed and directed by the Water Quality Specialist.

The City of Owatonna will:

- Provide training, gloves, trash bags, mulch, rakes, hoes, and safety information.
- Collect and dispose of filled trash bags from the rain gardens.
- Erect a sign in the rain garden to recognize the Adoptees.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Rain garden you wish to Adopt (Mosher Ave, Autumn Hills, or Rose St.): _____

Number of volunteers: _____ Volunteers are over the age of 12: YES NO

How did you hear about the Adopt-a-Rain Garden program? _____

Briefly explain why you are interested in participating in the Adopt-a-Rain Garden program:

Thank you for your interest in beautifying your community!

Send completed applications to:
Water Quality Specialist
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Owatonna, MN 55060
Phone: (507)-774-7300
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