



CITY OF OWATONNA RAIN GARDEN COST SHARE APPLICATION



THE CITY OF OWATONNA STORM WATER DEPARTMENT is awarding cost share grants for a limited number of residential rain gardens in an effort to improve water quality and reduce the chances of localized flooding in the community. Grants will be awarded to the highest ranking projects until cost share funding for that fiscal year is expended. The City will reimburse homeowners 50% up to \$500.00 for the cost of materials in rain garden construction and rental of any construction equipment. This program is available to all residential homeowners in Owatonna city limits. This program is funded through Stormwater Utility Fees.

Property Owner's Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Rain Garden Design Information

Please check one:

1. **Rain Garden Design:** Select Design of Rain Garden
 City Designed Rain Garden Personal Design* Need Assistance Designing
2. **City Designed Rain Garden Type:** If using a rain garden designed by the City, select type.
 Butterfly Sunny Prairie Shade Shrub Swale
3. **Size of Rain Garden:** Estimated Size of Rain Garden
 75 sq. ft. 100 sq. ft. 150 sq. ft. Other _____
4. **Estimated Cost of Rain Garden:**
 Estimated Size of Rain Garden _____ X \$5.00 per sq. ft.** = _____ Estimated Cost

* Please fill out the Supplemental Application if you'd like to use a personal rain garden design and budget.

** Sq. Ft. cost estimate includes compost, sand, mulch, plastic edging, sod cutter and tiller rental, and 3.5 in. potted plants. Cost estimate is based on labor and delivery of materials **provided by homeowner**. Installation and delivery by contractor and/or additional landscape features, such as block edging, retaining walls, or larger plant sizes, will result in a higher cost per sq. ft.

General Questions:

- YES NO I currently have surface water drainage issues.
 YES NO I can maintain the rain garden for at least 5 years.
 YES NO Rain garden can be used as a site for neighborhood rain garden tours.

Proposed installation date of rain garden: _____

How did you hear about the rain garden program? _____

Briefly explain why you are interested in participating in the Rain Garden Cost Share program:

Proposed Rain Garden Location Sketch

Step 1: Call Gopher State One-Call (1-800-252-1166) to mark the location of utilities on your property.

Step 2: Sketch street, property, including buildings, driveways, sidewalks, gutters/downspouts and the proposed location of the rain garden. Rain gardens should be at least 10 ft away from foundation of house. Locations on steep slopes and above buried utility lines are not recommended. Recommended locations are depressed areas, places where water collects, and areas near downspouts.

Rear Property Line

Side Property Line

Front Property Line

I certify that I have met the following conditions to qualify for the Rain Garden Cost Share program:

- I own the property within the city limits of Owatonna, MN on which the rain garden is to be installed.
- I understand the function and design of rain gardens and have a genuine interest in improving water quality.
- I will install the rain garden during the growing season immediately following cost-share award notice.
- If approved, I will finance 100% of the cost for rain garden installation and submit eligible receipts for reimbursement after Final Site Evaluation. Only those costs incurred after grant has been awarded will be eligible. ***Rain garden cost share participants are eligible for 50% reimbursement for approved expenses up to \$500.00 maximum.***

Contact Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in improving water quality and reducing flooding in your community!

Applications are due
May 31st

Applicants will be notified of
cost share awards by
May 31st

Send completed applications to:
Storm Water Manager
540 West Hills Circle
Owatonna, MN 55060
Fax: (507)-444-4351
stormwater@ci.owatonna.mn.us