

Rain Garden Resources
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Educational Curriculum

Rain Garden Curricular Sampler, a curriculum guide developed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum Earth Partnership for Schools (available on-line at <http://uwarboretum.org/eps/content/RainGardenSampler2011.pdf>)

Rain Garden Lesson Guide, a set of lesson plans developed for an OEEF-funded rain garden demonstration and education project by the Clermont SWCD (available on-line at <http://www.clermontstorm.net/RGGuideFeb2011.pdf>)

Lesson Plans from the Ohio Division of Soil and Water Resources, individual Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (available on-line at www.raingardeninitiative.org – click on For Educators)

Project WILD Aquatic and *Project WET* curriculum guides available with participation in scheduled workshops only (for more information, visit <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/education-and-outdoor-discovery/conservation-education-project-wild> or <http://epa.ohio.gov/oeeef/ProjectWET.aspx>). *Science & Civics – Sustaining Wildlife Curriculum Guide* is available for \$10 in PDF format on-line at store.councilforee.org under Digital Downloads.

WOW! The Wonders of Wetlands, a curriculum guide developed by and available from Environmental Concern (www.wetland.org). A supplement of adapted lessons entitled *Rain Gardens as Outdoor Classrooms Curriculum Guide* is available with participation in a scheduled workshop only.

The Water Cycle: The Rain Garden, an activity plan developed by the National Gardening Association (available on-line at http://www.kidsgardening.org/sites/www.kidsgardening.org/files/Rain_Garden%209_12.pdf)

Let It Rain: The Benefits of Rain Gardens, a lesson plan developed by Ashley Schopieray for the Earth Day Network (available on-line at http://files.earthday.net/lessonplanspdf/Let%20It%20Rain_%20Lesson%20Plan.pdf)