

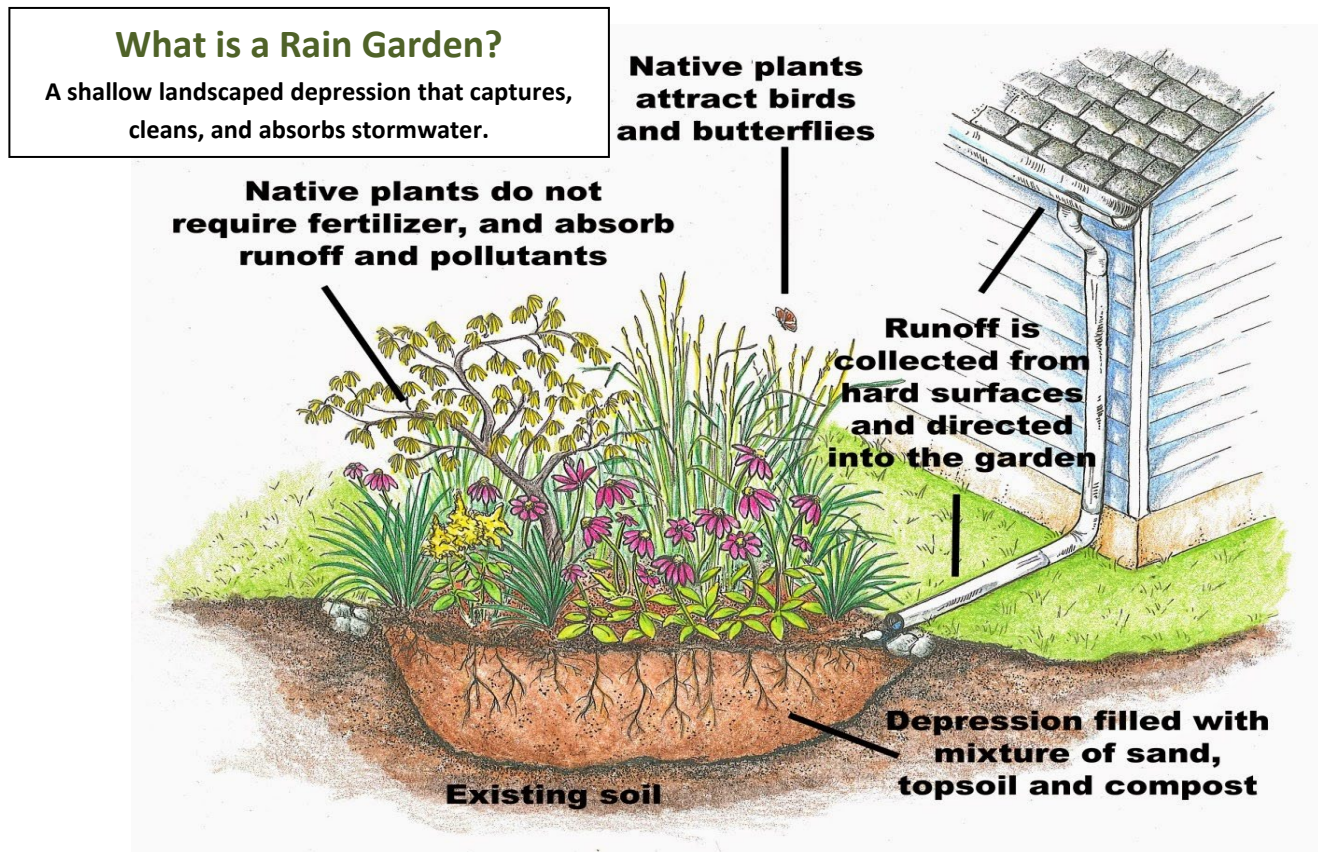
Stormwater Management: Spring / Summer 2026 Edition

As we prepare for the warm Spring and Summer days ahead, it is important that we be mindful of not only our lawns and gardens, but of the lawns, gardens and waterways to which our stormwater drains. Each year, our environment is under attack by polluted stormwater runoff. We can reduce negative impacts by making a few simple and easy changes to our everyday routines.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Use low nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers. This will reduce the amount of nutrients carried away by rain water.
2. Mulch grass clippings and remove excess grass clippings from your lawn and paved surfaces after mowing.
3. Consider installing a rain barrel to collect excess stormwater runoff and use it for future car washing or plant watering!
4. Clean up after your pet during walks, as well as in your own back yard, animal waste contributes to stormwater contamination.
5. When performing maintenance on your vehicle, make sure that all waste oils and fluids are safely collected and disposed of at approved locations, and be sure to address vehicle leaks promptly.

If you're inspired to do more for our environment a **Rain Garden** is a beautiful addition to your property that is a green, sustainable solution that is low-cost and easy to construct.



For more information about Northampton's Stormwater Program or about rain gardens and other Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) please contact the Township or visit its webpage at, <https://www.northamptontownship.com/information/stormwater-management/>