



# RAINWATER REBATE PROGRAM: RAIN GARDENS



*A rain garden is a planted depression that is designed to catch rainwater runoff and filter it back into the ground.*

Device Type	Rain Garden
Rebate Amount	\$100
Maximum Rebates per Property, Total	2

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

1. Review St. Petersburg's Rain Garden Design Guide at [stpete.org/waterprograms](http://stpete.org/waterprograms) for guidelines, helpful images, sample designs, lists of suggested plants and additional resources.
2. Submit a simple sketch which identifies the garden's location in relation to all structures, plus all garden measurements (length, width, maximum depth) for City approval.
3. For detailed rain garden planning and building guidelines, read *Rain Gardens: A Manual for Central Florida Residents* at [rb.gy/fc5f2f](http://rb.gy/fc5f2f).

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## PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- Conveyance system from roof (such as a gutter downspout) directing water to rain garden. Adequate overflow piping from a rain barrel or tote is an acceptable alternative.
- Rain garden shall be placed a minimum of 10 feet from a building.
- Minimum size is 50 square feet.
- Maximum allowable size is 400 square feet.
- Garden should not be any deeper in the middle than eight 8 inches below ground level, with gradually sloping sides (no steep drops in elevation).
- No Florida Noxious Weeds or 2019 Category 1 Invasive Exotic plants should be planted, as defined by the Florida Invasive Species Council ([floridainvasivespecies.org](http://floridainvasivespecies.org)).
- Contact Sunshine Call Before You Dig and have all utility lines located for free (call 811 or request ticket online at [sunshine811.com](http://sunshine811.com)) before any excavation starts. Request should be at least two business days before digging to allow enough time for site to be marked by all utilities.

## VIRTUAL SITE VISITS

Do you need help or guidance for selecting a good location for your rain garden? The City offers virtual site visits that usually take no more than 20 minutes and are easy to do with a smartphone or tablet. Attendance at a Rainwater Guardian Workshop is required before a virtual site visit is scheduled. Email [RainwaterRebates@stpete.org](mailto:RainwaterRebates@stpete.org) or call 727-892-5611 to schedule.



## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Rainwater Guardian Workshop attendance
- ☐ At least two photos of installed and connected garden illustrating entire conveyance system from roof
- ☐ Final rain garden sketch as installed
- ☐ Final plant list

