

Announcing the...

2010 Rooftop to River Rain Garden Contest

“Gardening to Absorb the Storm”



ENTER NOW!

Registration is **FREE** and open until **August 15th** ~ Gardens will be judged in early September
Register early to attend rain garden workshops and receive free technical assistance!

To enter, your rain garden must be located in the Lake Champlain Basin (see www.lcbp.org for a map). Six winners will be chosen based on predetermined categories (originality, native plants, stormwater reduction, best previously installed, best in Chittenden County, best in Lake Champlain Basin outside of Chittenden County).

What is a Rain Garden?

A bowl-shaped garden designed to capture and absorb stormwater runoff (rainfall from a roof, parking lot, or other impervious surface) into the ground after a storm

Benefits to a Homeowner?

Creates a visually pleasing landscape ~ Attracts birds & butterflies to your yard
Cultivates diverse plant life ~ Reduces stormwater runoff from your home

Benefits to the Environment?

Keeps stormwater out of streams & lakes ~ Reduces water pollution
Improves water quality

Registered rain garden contestants will receive: 1) An invitation to **FREE** rain garden workshops; 2) **The Vermont Rain Garden Manual**; and 3) **FREE on-site technical guidance from a local expert**. For information about workshops and technical assistance, contact Laura Killian at lkillian@uvm.edu or 802-859-3086 x340. For further details about registration and the Contest, in general, contact Ashley Lidman at Ashley.Lidman@vt.nacdnet.net or 802-865-7895 x104 or visit <http://www.vacd.org/winooski/>.



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Install a rain garden on your property and enter to win great prizes from local nurseries and businesses!



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Address: _____

Town: _____ State: VT Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone : _____

Month & year garden was/will be installed: _____

Type of entry (business, residence, municipality, etc.): _____

Address of rain garden (if different from address above): _____

Specific location of rain garden on the site: _____

Who installed the garden (yourself, a professional, etc.): _____

Approximate square footage of garden: _____

Brief description of garden (2-4 sentences).

Did you plant all native species in your rain garden? If yes, which species?

Are you trying to address a particular flooding or erosion issue? Are there any other stormwater management features on your site (i.e. a rain barrel)? If yes, what is present?

Would you like to have your garden included in the Vermont Low Impact Development Atlas & Map?

Before and after photos of the rain garden are required for all entries. Please send photos (JPGs preferred) to Ashley.Lidman@vt.nacdnet.net. Attendance of at least one rain garden workshop and on-site technical assistance is strongly encouraged for all Contest participants. While we are able to provide technical guidance, you will likely need to recruit family, friends, neighbors, or local Master Gardeners to help you install your rain garden.

For information about rain garden workshop dates and locations and for free, on-site technical assistance, contact Laura Killian at lkillian@uvm.edu or 802-859-3086 x340.

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Please mail or fax this registration form by August 15th to:
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