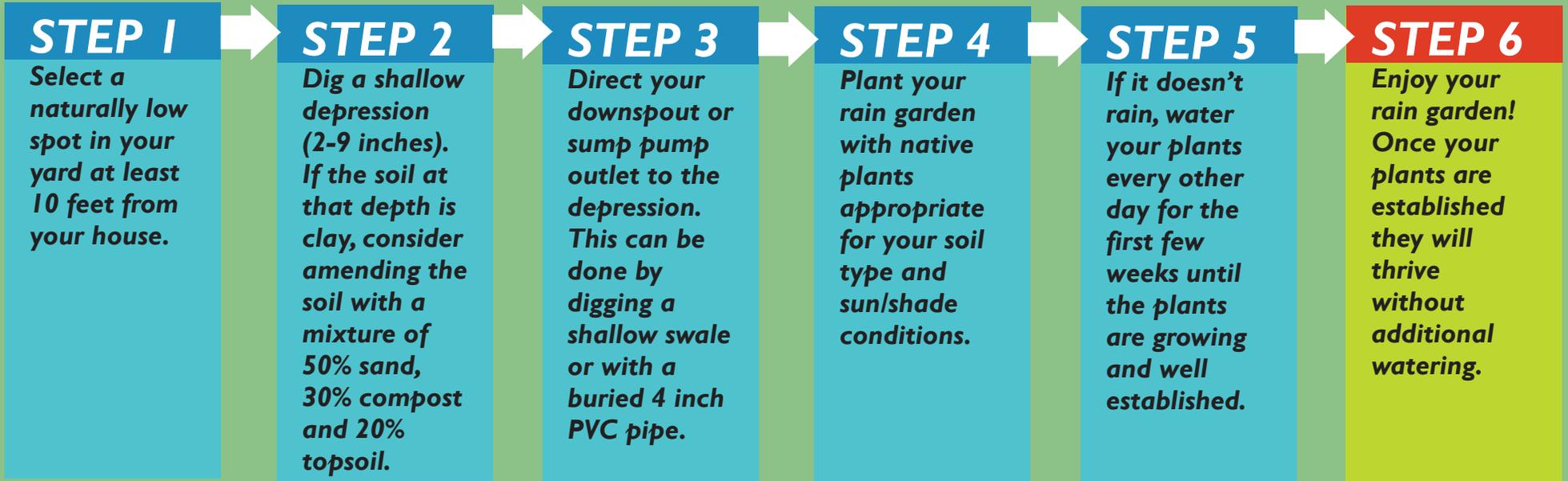




How to Build a Rain Garden

A Step by Step Guide



Right Sizing Your Rain Garden

You should create a rain garden to correspond to the size of your roof surface. The bigger your roof, the bigger your rain garden. A simple rule: **Total Sq. Ft. of Section of Roof Draining to Garden x 30% = Sq. Ft. of Rain Garden.**



Diversity is Key

The bigger your rain garden, the greater variety of plants you can use. Varied species create a diverse ecosystem and increase the likelihood of plants thriving. The graphics above show sample garden designs with each letter representing a different species of plant.

The Conservation Foundation's Top 10 Rain Garden Plants:

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| 1. Sweet Flag | 5. Blazing Star | 8. Wild Blue Flag Iris |
| 2. Blue Lobelia | 6. Red Milkweed | 9. Black-eyed Susan |
| 3. Fox Sedge | 7. Bottle Brush Sedge | 10. Blue Vervain |
| 4. Turtlehead | | |

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*Rain gardens must be a minimum of 100 square feet to qualify for the Village's Stormwater Utility Incentive program.