



# HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR RAIN GARDEN

## GUIDE TO ROUTINE MAINTENANCE



### REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES

Spring is the best time to pull invasive species. They are small and the roots are shallow, which makes it easy to pluck them out.



FIELD BINDWEED



GARLIC MUSTARD



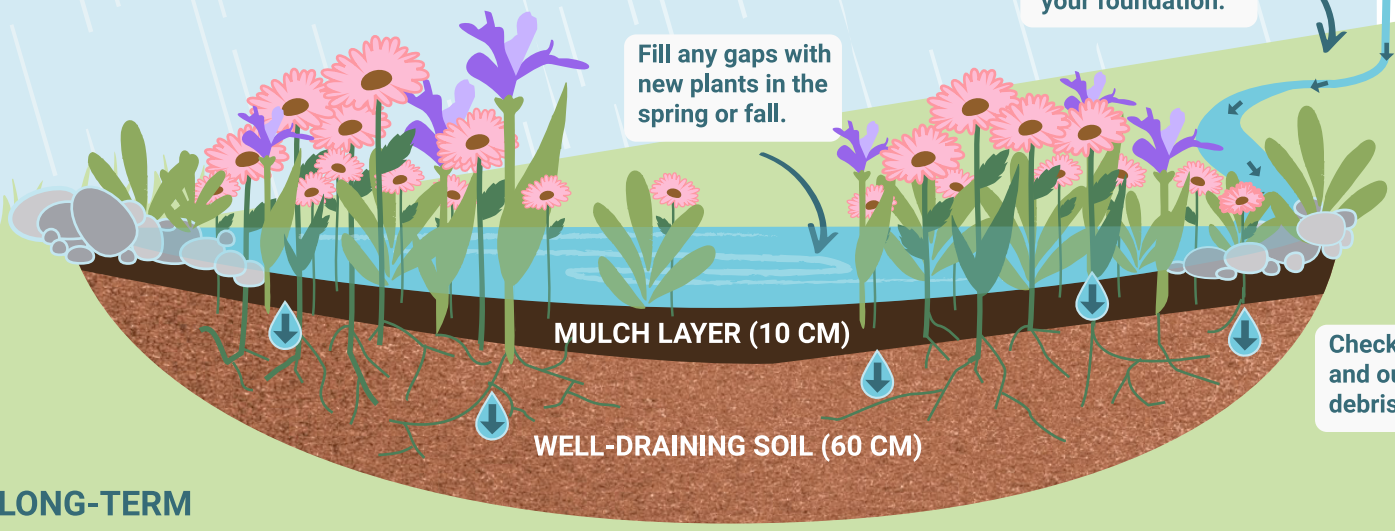
GOUTWEED

Ensure that water flows into the garden through the inlet, pools in the center of the garden temporarily, and overflows through the outlet, away from your home's foundation.

Your rain garden should be at least 10 feet from your foundation.

Fill any gaps with new plants in the spring or fall.

Check the inlet and outlet for debris regularly.



### LONG-TERM CARE GUIDE

Water your rain garden whenever there are drought conditions. During the summer, it's best to water young plants every 2-3 days.

Thin out dense plants like blue flag iris or joe pye weed by dividing them and moving to another area of the garden.

Replenish mulch each year to maintain a 6-10cm layer. Shredded, undyed wood works best.

