

# CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

**PUT RAIN TO WORK FOR YOU  
AS A MASTER RAIN  
GARDENER!**

**5-WEEK RESIDENTIAL  
CERTIFICATION COURSE  
COMING 2022**

**How do rain  
gardens help?**

These shallow gardens are filled with beautiful plants that collect rainwater from hard surfaces like roofs and driveways and let it soak into the ground naturally. This helps to clean the water, protect our rivers and lakes from pollution, and reduce flooding. Rain gardens also create healthy habitats for wildlife, birds, and pollinators.

**What will I do  
and learn in  
this class?**

This Master Rain Gardener Program will teach you how to manage rainwater in your own yard. Experienced instructors will provide customized feedback which will enable you to design and install a rain garden. Topics will include site assessment, soil analysis, design, construction, plant selection, and maintenance.

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The Residential Certification is geared toward homeowners who would like to install a rain garden in their own yard and serve as the neighborhood expert on rain gardens. This is a great program for Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists as well. To earn this certification, participants must complete the online and/or in-person 5-week course and install their own rain garden or adopt a public rain garden. This course is open to residents of Central Ohio and is expected to begin in summer or fall of 2022.

**Who is the course for?**

Online portions consist of live and recorded webinars that can be watched at your convenience within the course timeline, allowing for more flexibility. We will also offer the option for participants to join us for field trips and in-person feedback/Q&A sessions. All participants will be required to complete online/in-person course content, hands-on assignments, and weekly quizzes. Graduates of the course will receive a certificate, Master Rain Gardener T-shirt, and a yard sign upon course completion. The estimated cost of this program is \$50-\$75 per participant.

**How do I participate?**

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