



Lake and Geauga County MASTER RAIN GARDENER COURSE

In-Person Course: Wednesdays, July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10am – 1pm with a field day on Saturday, August 31 for participants seeking professional certification.

Online Course: August 26 – September 29 with a field day on Saturday, October 5 for participants seeking professional certification.

This Master Rain Gardener Program will teach you how to install rain gardens on a residential scale. Rain gardens naturally manage stormwater by infiltrating precipitation and allowing it to soak into the ground rather than sending it directly to storm sewers and nearby streams untreated. 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, mulching, and maintenance.

This five-week course is open to residents of Lake and Geauga county and can be taken in-person or online. The in-person course will be held at the **Lake Metroparks Lakefront Lodge, 30525 Lake Shore Blvd., Willowick**. The online course will be offered as five weekly modules, allowing for more flexibility. Each course offers a two-track option, where participants can choose to receive a residential certification or a professional Master Rain Gardener certification. Residential participants will receive a certificate, Master Rain Gardener T-shirt, and yard sign upon course completion. Contractors, landscape designers, landscape installers and other professionals who will install residential-scale rain gardens will be required to participate in a field day and pass a final exam before receiving a professional Master Rain Gardener certification.

Email Laura Bonnell with Master Rain Gardener questions at lbonnell@crwp.org or **440-975-3870 ext. 1002**. To register visit crwp.org.

