



## Let it Rain Program rain garden rebates

### Steps to Receive a Rebate

#### 1. Contact Us.

The best way to start the process is to call us to learn more about the rebate program and how to qualify. Call 425-257-8992 or email [everettpw@everettwa.gov](mailto:everettpw@everettwa.gov).

#### 2. Attend a Rebate Workshop.

The city offers a series of workshops to talk through the rain garden rebate process. These workshops are usually held in early spring. Workshop dates are available on our website: [everettwa.gov/LetitRain](http://everettwa.gov/LetitRain)

#### 3. Do Site Assessment and Soil Infiltration Test.

After the workshop, homeowners will schedule a site assessment with the city and then perform a soil infiltration test. Be sure to confirm the location of existing utilities by calling 811 before site assessment. These steps should occur while the ground is wet.

#### 4. Site Approval for rain garden rebate program by city.

We require that your site be assessed and approved by city staff to qualify for the rain garden rebate program. This will occur during the application process.

#### 5. Attend Rain Garden Design Intensive or submit your design.

Work with rain garden design professionals to design and layout your garden. These intensives will be held in the spring. If you design your rain garden independently, submit your design along with your application in step 6.

#### 6. Complete Application and sign Agreement.

The application should include:

- Application checklist
- Soil infiltration test certification
- Homeowner Maintenance agreement
- Sketch of rain garden & plant design

#### 7. Schedule installation of rain garden.

You decide if you would like to hire a contractor or install the approved rain garden design yourselves. Be sure to inform the city when the rain garden installation will be taking place. Fall or early spring is the best time to install a rain garden.

#### 8. Schedule city staff for excavation observation and final inspection.

After excavation of the soil, the city needs to observe the process. Once the rain garden installation is complete, the city will do a final inspection.

#### 9. Submit Rebate paperwork.

The rebate paperwork will include:

- Rebate form
- Homeowner invoice breakdown
- Receipts/Contractor invoices
- Statement of Rain Garden Function

#### 10. Maintain the rain garden.

The first three years after planting will take the most care but your rain garden should become lower maintenance as plants get established. As part of the rebate, the city requires that you maintain the rain garden for a minimum of five years after construction.