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RAIN GARDEN AMBASSADOR



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Rain Garden Ambassadors Will Learn About:

- Rain Garden Basics & Importance
- Protecting Our Local Water Resources
- Local Resources for Rain Garden Creation
- Plant Selection for Success & Beauty
- Ways to Spread the Word & Help Others



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Dates: Thursdays October 13th & 20th

Time: 6:30-9pm

Location: Port of Allyn Building
18560 E. State Rte 3 in Allyn, WA

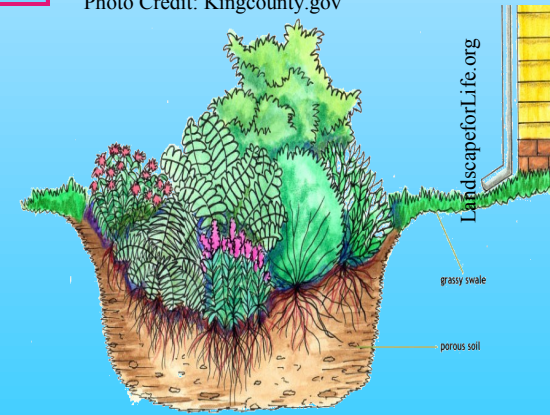


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Each participant receives
a free Rain Garden hand-
book & poster!



For more information &
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WSU to Launch *Rain Garden Ambassadors* Program

WSU Mason County Extension will be launching a new volunteer-training program aimed at reducing and treating polluted stormwater runoff in Mason County. The program will meet on two Thursday evenings scheduled for October 13th and 20th at the Port of Allyn Building from 6:30-9 p.m. Pre-registration and a simple application process is required.

The new “Rain Garden Ambassadors” program is for volunteers who want to learn to help themselves and other residents identify opportunities for preventing stormwater pollution. Rain Garden Ambassadors will learn rain garden basics, how rain gardens protect our local water resources, local resources for residents who want to create a rain garden, and appropriate plant selection for both success and beauty in landscapes. Volunteers will also receive coaching on presentation skills.

Once trained, the Ambassadors can choose how to help the community, by either providing brief presentations to educate local community groups about rain gardens, or by helping individuals with rain garden questions.

Rain Garden Ambassadors will also have the unique opportunity for hands-on learning and community outreach by joining a volunteer effort to plant new rain gardens in Belfair.

All trainings are free, and many tools and resources will be provided to the volunteers. Volunteers with a background or interest in horticulture, construction, water resources, or teaching are especially encouraged to apply, though the program is open to anyone who wants to learn more about stormwater solutions.

For more information or an application, contact Mary DiMatteo at (360) 427-9670 ext. 689 or (360) 275-4467 ext. 689, or email: mary.dimatteo@wsu.edu.

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