

[EXAMPLE]

Rain Garden Maintenance Plan

RAIN GARDEN INFORMATION

Rain Gardens are designed to remove pollutants from stormwater runoff and reduce runoff volume through infiltration. **Maintenance is required** and is extremely important. Sediment and debris must be removed regularly to maintain correct rain garden function.

This document serves as guidance to developing an inspection and maintenance plan.

SITE LOCATION: _____
Physical address of rain garden

RAIN GARDEN INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE

The CURRENT OWNER or their designee is responsible for completing inspections and conducting maintenance.

WHEN WILL THE RAIN GARDEN BE INSPECTED AND MAINTAINED?

At a minimum, rain gardens must be inspected in the **spring** and **fall** of each year (*one inspection a month recommended*). Personnel should be aware of the maintenance plan. It is recommended to consult with the designer and builder to understand the inspection and maintenance needs.

MAINTENANCE PLAN INFORMATION

This Maintenance Plan for the location listed above is submitted by the CURRENT OWNER on__to comply with the City's Stormwater Management Code Requirements. Inspection and maintenance records are required to be kept on file for five (5) years and submitted to the City by October 1st of each year. This plan will be attached to the required recorded maintenance agreement.

INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST (must be completed in the Spring & Fall):

	Clean Rain Garden. Remove any sediment, trash and debris.
	Remove any dead vegetation, trim live vegetation if needed and remove weeds.
	Repair inlet erosion/damage. Inspect bottom of the garden and remove any sediment.
	Loosen, aerate or replace soils to ensure water infiltrates – must infiltrate within 48 hours.
	Paved surfaces draining to garden swept and kept free of sediment and debris.
	Wood mulch replaced or added to keep 3" depth. (Include if applicable).
	Replace dead plants/vegetation. Water as needed.
	Erosion will be repaired.
	Photos taken.
	Other:

Please keep a copy of this Plan for your records

For any questions about this inspection & maintenance plan, please contact:

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Additional inspection and maintenance information:

http://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/Operation_and_maintenance_of_bioretention