

# Native & Florida-Friendly Plants for Rain Gardens

## Ferns

- Cinnamon Fern
- Leather Fern
- Marsh Fern
- Royal Fern
- Virginia Chain Fern

## Flowers

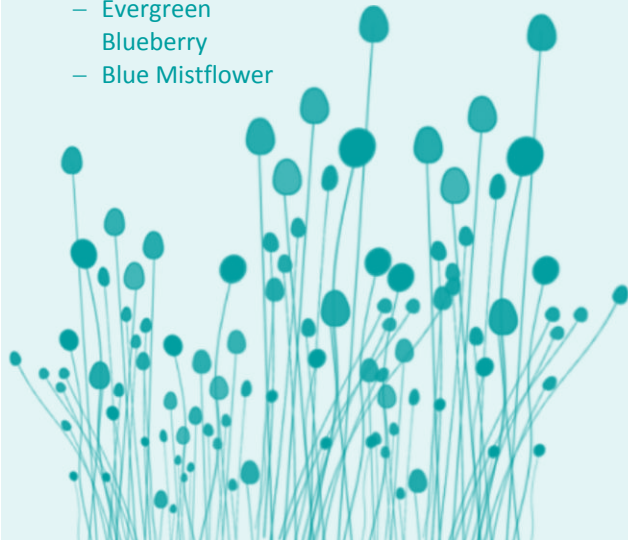
- Glades Lobelia
- Marsh Pinks
- Everglades Daisy
- Pickerelweed
- Cardinal Flower
- Tar Flower
- Climbing Aster
- Butterfly Weed
- Blue Flag Iris
- Spider Lily
- Rain Lily
- Oakleaf Hydrangea
- Yellow Canna
- Scarlet Milkweed
- Evergreen Blueberry
- Blue Mistflower

## Grasses, Shrubs

- Saw Palmetto
- Gallberry
- Elderberry
- Walter's Viburnum
- Buttonbush
- Swamp Hibiscus
- Coastal Plain Willow
- Wax Myrtle
- Cord Grass
- Gulf Muhly Grass
- Love Grass

## Trees

- Florida Maple
- Red Maple
- Sugarberry
- Dahoon Holly
- Sweet Bay
- Swamp Bay
- Cabbage Palm
- Pond Apple



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## Garden Smart with Rain Gardens

As spring begins and gardening season gets underway, consider installing a rain garden in this year's landscaping plan.

### What is a rain garden?

A rain garden is a garden planted in an area of your yard that normally collects rain, like a sloped recession or a dip. These gardens, which thrive in areas where rain accumulation makes grass hard to grow, collect rain runoff and help filter the water. The result is cleaner water enters our soil and groundwater supply, instead of running off your property and collecting pollutants on the way toward local waterways.



*Rain gardens are a beautiful way to reduce pollution and conserve water.*

RAIN GARDENS continued inside

### Why plant a rain garden?

Planting a rain garden can be a personal contribution to cleaner water, healthier fish and wildlife populations, and an improved environment for everyone. Rain gardens:

- Increase the amount of water filtering into the ground which helps replenish our aquifers and potable (drinking) water supply,
- Enhance the beauty of your yard and your neighborhood,
- Provide valuable wildlife habitats for birds, butterflies, and small mammals,
- Use less water and require less maintenance than the lawns or other landscaping they replace.

### What should I plant?

Use native Florida plants—they easily tolerate our climate's alternately moist and dry conditions. Consider some of the Florida-friendly shrubs, trees, and plants listed in this brochure.

### Installing & maintaining rain gardens

Experimenting plays a part in the process, but these tips can help your rain garden be successful:

- Mix plants and use grasses—native grasses will help keep wildflowers upright.
- Select colors and plants that will attract birds, small mammals, and butterflies.
- Weeds may be a problem the first year, but as the plants get established, fewer weeds should appear.
- Reconstruct or replant areas that aren't doing well.

For more information about rain gardens and waterwise gardening, visit the UC's water conservation site, [www.ucnsb.org/conservation-water.aspx](http://www.ucnsb.org/conservation-water.aspx).

Source: University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences booklet—"Rain Gardens" & the UF/IFAS Okeechobee Extension

## New Lawn & Landscape Irrigation Rules

Keep in mind the following lawn and landscaping irrigation rules when gardening and landscaping this Spring.

The new St. Johns River Water Management District watering rules will apply beginning March 8, 2009.

Water outdoors only when needed.

**Irrigation is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

During daylight saving time, beginning March 8, irrigation is limited to **no more than two days per week** on scheduled days:

- Residential irrigation at **even-numbered addresses** is allowed on **Thursday and Sunday**.
- Residential irrigation at **odd-numbered addresses** or no addresses is allowed on **Wednesday and Saturday**.
- Non-residential irrigation is allowed on Tuesday and Friday.

During Eastern Standard Time, beginning November 1, irrigation is limited to **no more than one day per week** on scheduled days:

- Residential irrigation at **even-numbered addresses** is allowed on **Sunday**.
- Residential irrigation at **odd-numbered addresses** or no addresses is allowed on **Saturday**.
- Non-residential irrigation is allowed on Tuesday.

Learn more about SJRWMD's lawn and irrigation rules at [www.sjrwmd.org/wateringrestrictions](http://www.sjrwmd.org/wateringrestrictions).

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