



Fort Wayne City Utilities Residential Rain Garden Program

INCENTIVE GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION 2019

City Utilities has developed an incentive program to encourage property owners to install and maintain rain gardens on their property. A rain garden is a landscaped area that collects rain water during a rain storm and helps the water soak into the ground rather than running off into a storm or combined sewer.

City Utilities is providing incentives to property owners who install and maintain rain gardens. The incentive consists of a direct cash payment that may be used to offset any expenses related to the planning, planting and maintenance of the rain garden. Incentives can only be given to properties that are located inside the Fort Wayne City limits and only one incentive is provided per property regardless of the number of rain gardens that may be located on that property. In order to be eligible for the incentive program, residential property owners are required to complete each of the following steps:

1. Complete this Residential Rain Garden Program Application and submit it to City Utilities using the address and contact information shown on page two of this form (may also be submitted at a workshop).
2. Attend one of the rain garden instructional workshops offered by City Utilities and the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative. Dates and locations for the workshops may be found on City Utilities' rain garden website at www.CatchingRainFW.org. It is mandatory that you sign-in at the workshop in order to qualify for the incentive. Workshops are provided at no cost, but we ask that you register in advance by calling 311 or 260-427-8311.
3. You may request from City Utilities and receive free technical assistance to help you determine the optimal location on your property for a rain garden and select the appropriate plants for the chosen rain garden location. City Utilities' staff members or volunteers will meet with you at your home. You may also request advice on routing storm water to your rain garden as well as advice on rain garden maintenance. Receiving technical assistance is not mandatory to qualify for the incentive.
4. Sign a Homeowner Rain Garden Agreement and return it to City Utilities at the address shown on the Agreement form. The Agreement form is provided at the rain garden workshops or may be found at www.CatchingRainFW.org. The Agreement form will ask you to indicate if you will be using one of the rain garden designs provided by City Utilities. If you are not using a standard design, you will need to provide a copy of the layout that you will be using (including a plant list) along with a completed and signed Agreement form (may also be submitted at a workshop).
5. Register your rain garden by going to the City Utilities rain garden website at www.CatchingRainFW.org. It is important to register the rain garden on your property. If you do not have access to the internet, please request a Rain Garden Registration Form by calling City Utilities at 311. You may register your rain garden by completing the registration form and mailing it to the address shown on the form.
6. The cash incentive offered by City Utilities will be paid at a rate of \$2.00 per square foot of rain garden installed up to \$250. The cash payment will not exceed \$250.00. Property owners seeking the incentive must file a W-9 IRS form with City Utilities. The cash payment will be mailed to the property owner after all of the qualifying activities have been completed.



Fort Wayne City Utilities
200 East Berry Street, Suite 270
Fort Wayne IN 46802
311 or 260-427-8311

Rain Garden Application

All fields required. Please print.

Address of Rain Garden Property:

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Owner(s) of Rain Garden Property:

First, Middle, Last Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Email Address

Estimated Square Footage of Roof _____

Down Spouts to be Directed to Rain Garden _____

Square Footage of Proposed Rain Garden _____

Number of Plants Needed for Rain Garden _____

Sun Exposure for Proposed Rain Garden Location

____ Sun (receives at least 4 hours of direct sunlight each day)

____ Partial Sun (less than 4 hours of direct sunlight each day)

____ Full Shade (not recommended in Northern Indiana)

First, Middle, Last Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Email Address

By signing below, the named individual(s) represent(s) that he/she/they is/are the sole owner(s) of the property proposed for a rain garden and that the property is not subject to a lease, contract or other restriction that would in any way prohibit the installation and maintenance of a rain garden. The applicant(s) acknowledge(s) that he/she/they has/have read and understand the rain garden requirements outlined above. The applicant(s) also acknowledge(s) that this application alone does not entitle him/her/them to receive a rain garden incentive cash payment. The applicant(s) agree(s) that if he/she/they request(s) technical assistance in locating and planning a rain garden on his/her/their property, that he/she/they will allow an employee of City Utilities or a designee of City Utilities to access his/her/their property solely for the purpose of providing technical assistance, guidance and advice.

The applicant(s) acknowledge(s) that he/she/they will hold City Utilities harmless from any personal injury or property damage that may arise from the installation and/or maintenance of a rain garden on his/her/their own private property and/or its participation in the City Utilities incentive program.

This project is undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action by the United States and the State of Indiana concerning Combined Sewer Overflows.

Printed Name

Signature of Applicant

Date

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