

DRAFT AGENDA

Rain Garden Training for Landscape Professionals

University of Washington Botanic Gardens, Center for Urban Horticulture
Wednesday and Thursday, October 23 and 24, 2013
8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DAY ONE – Wednesday, October 23

8:15 Check in, refreshments

8:30 Welcome, introductions, announcements
(30 minutes)

- Clarify benefits of training (get on list to be shared throughout county)
- Quiz – find out what they know coming into this (maybe send this out ahead of time, from Eventbrite site)
- Logistical announcements

9:00 **INTRODUCTION/STORMWATER BASICS** (Erica Guttman)

- Introduction to stormwater runoff issues

9:45 **BREAK** (15 Minutes)

10:00 **RAIN GARDEN DESIGN** (Erica Guttman)
(1 hour 40 min presentation + 10-15 minute Q & A)

- What is a rain garden, and how do I design one?
- Include: How to look up septic system As Built

11:50 **LUNCH** (40 minutes)

12:30 **SOILS AND COMPOST** (Howard Stenn)
(1.5 hour presentation + 10-15 minute Q & A)

- Include hands-on soil texture test, infiltration test and resources/bioretention mix/compost certification requirements

2:15 **BREAK** (15 Minutes)

3:00 **MARKETING RAIN GARDENS**
(60 MINUTES, including 10-15 minutes for Q&A) Marketing break out session

- Include various kinds of projects, private, nonprofit, networking
- Break out session in groups of 5 (mixed occupations) with a project deciding best way to market for different situations (have 3 different types of potential client databases as target to market to)

4:00 **CONCLUSION** and final announcements, questions from the day

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RAIN GARDENS

in Puget Sound



DAY TWO – Thursday, October 24

8:15 Check in, refreshments

8:30 Welcome back, introductions, announcements

8:45 **RAIN GARDEN PLANTS:** (Erica Guttman)
(2 hours, including 30 minutes for hands-on plant design, and 10-15 minutes for Q&A)
(15 minute *BREAK* prior to hands-on project)

- Include plants that work well in the area related to common site conditions
- Include live plants if possible

11:00 **RAIN GARDEN MAINTENANCE** (Erica Guttman)
(50 minutes, 30 minute presentation)

11:50 **LUNCH** (40 Minutes)

12:30 **SITE CONSTRAINTS & REGULATIONS**
Aaron Clark and one local representative from county
(60 MINUTES, including 10-15 minutes for Q&A)

- Including new construction requirements
- Include current research, Aaron take the lead on 12000rg program (permits, regulations, local incentives) general overview 30 minutes.

1:30 **OUTSIDE RAIN GARDEN ACTIVITY** Speaker (Landscape contractor TBD)

2:30 **BREAK** (15 Minutes)

2:45 **RAIN GARDEN BUDGET AND COST CONSIDERATIONS** (Aaron Clark)
(45 MINUTES, including 10-15 minutes for Q&A)

3:30 **NATURAL YARD CARE AND RESTORATIVE GARDENING** (Philomena Kedziorski)

4:15 **CONCLUSION** and final announcements, questions from the day