

ESSENTIAL RAIN GARDEN CARE

to Keep Your Garden Healthy



Watering Patterns

Proper watering is essential for the longevity and health of your plants in the first 10 weeks. During the wet season (Nov-May), water **every other day** for 3-5 minutes. During the dry season (Jun-Oct), water **daily** for 3-5 minutes. After 11 weeks, water **1-2 times** per week as needed.

Maintain Soil Health

Rain gardens typically do not need extra fertilizer but can benefit from occasional feeding. During the first 10 weeks, add **slow release fertilizer** quarterly. After 11 weeks, use a **balanced fertilizer** every 6 months for appearance or a **potassium-heavy fertilizer** for flowering. Avoid fertilizing during heavy rain or drought.



Good Pruning Practices

Regular weeding is essential early on but decreases as plants mature. Use **mulch or weed mat** to reduce weed growth. In the first 10 weeks, **limit weeding** and avoid heavy trimming to prevent plant shock. After 11 weeks, **trim as needed** but never remove more than 50% of the plant crown.



Protecting Your Plants

If your garden has an irrigation controller, check it regularly and **replace batteries as needed** to ensure proper function. If the soil becomes extremely dry, it can repel water instead of absorbing it. In these cases, **apply extra water gradually** to help the soil begin soaking up moisture again.



Seasonal Garden Care

During the **wet season (Nov-May)**, plants grow quickly, needing more trimming but less watering. In the **dry season (Jun-Oct)**, water **1-2 times per week** to prevent drought stress. Avoid fertilizing before heavy rain or during extreme dryness. Regular **trimming, weeding, and spacing** keep plants healthy year-round.

