

### Washington Conservation District

# Raingarden Maintenance Checklist

# Spring - April & May

- □ Gather tools and pick up any needed materials (trash bags, yard waste bags, mulch, etc.).
- □ Clean out debris from the winter (trash, leftover leaves, sticks).
- $\hfill \Box$  Check and clean the inlets: remove built up sediment and debris.
- □ Hand-pull any weeds you find, making sure to pull all the way to the roots! If you need help with weed ID please ask or use an ID book.
- □ Add fresh mulch if needed to a depth of 3 inches.
- □ Check for any damage, erosion, or empty spots and report if found.

## Summer - June, July & Aug

- ☐ Gather tools and pick up any needed materials (trash bags, yard waste bags, etc.).
- □ Clean out trash & debris.
- □ Check and clean the inlets: remove built up sediment and debris.
- □ Hand-pull any weeds you find, making sure to pull all the way to the roots!
- □ Check for any damage, erosion, or empty spots and report if found.
- □ If you spot any invasive species let us know right away!

#### Fall - Sept & Oct

- □ Gather tools and pick up any needed materials (trash bags, yard waste bags, etc.).
- □ Clean out trash. Remove and bag leaves.
- □ Check and clean the inlets: remove built up sediment and debris.
- □ Hand-pull any weeds you find, making sure to pull all the way to the roots!
- □ Check for any damage, erosion, or empty spots and report if found.
- □ If you spot any invasive species let us know right away!



#### **Thank You!**

Thank you taking care of your raingarden. You are helping to protect our lakes and rivers.

When working in the raingarden, please remember: Safety first! Wear protective gloves and weather appropriate clothing, hats and use sunscreen. If you are near a roadway, be cautious and aware of vehicles.

#### **Materials**

- □ Work gloves
- □ Kneeling pads (optional)
- □ Trowels
- □ Hand weeders
- □ Yard waste bags
- □ Trash bags
- □ Shovels and rakes
- □ Weed ID book
- □ Water

Please bring trash and yard waste to:



