



## Your neighborhood has been selected for the Philadelphia Water Department's Rain Check pilot program!

For homeowners who choose to participate, the Philadelphia Water Department will share the cost of installing rainwater management tools (at right) on their property. By installing these green tools, we can reduce the amount of polluted rainwater that would otherwise end up in our creeks and rivers.

*Turn over for descriptions of the green tools covered by the Rain Check program.*

If you would like to participate in the Rain Check pilot program, please contact your local civic organization by March 1st to sign up.

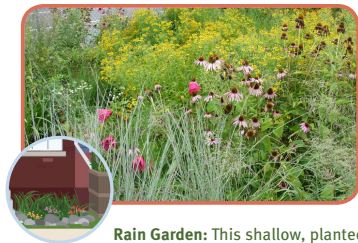


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# Rain Check Tools

Rainwater management tools include a range of soil-water-plant systems that intercept stormwater, infiltrate a portion of it into the ground, evaporate a portion of it into the air, and, in some cases, release a portion of it slowly back into the sewer system.



**Rain Garden:** This shallow, planted depression absorbs the water that flows from a roof, patio, or yard.



**Downspout Planter:** Connected to the roof downspout, these planters slow water down before entering the sewer while irrigating plants and removing pollutants.



**Porous Pavers:** Specially designed paving stones, bricks, or pavers allow water to soak into the ground below.



**Yard Tree:** Trees provide shade, absorb stormwater through their roots, and slow the flow of rainfall with their canopies.



**De-Paving:** The removal of concrete, asphalt or other impervious surface can provide area for a rain garden, lawn space, tree planting, or a pervious patio, walkway, or deck.

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