

Rain Garden Specialist (RGS) & Rain Garden Specialist and Trainer (RGST) Certification Program

Program Agenda

4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey 07728

Wednesday, August 5, 2009		
TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:30am – 9:00am	Registration/ Continental Breakfast (included)	N/A
9:00am – 9:15am	Welcome and Overview of RGS and RGST Certification Pilot Program	Christopher C. Obropta, Ph.D., P.E., Extension Specialist in Water Resources
9:15am – 9:35am	Opportunities to Use the RGS or RGST Certification	Christopher C. Obropta, Ph.D., P.E., Extension Specialist in Water Resources
9:35am – 9:50am	Please complete the Pre-Test	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Staff
9:50am – 10:35am	Stormwater 101	Gregory M. Rusciano, County Environmental and Resource Management Agent for Essex & Passaic Counties
10:35am – 10:50am	Rain Garden Overview	Amy Boyajian, Program Associate, Water Resources Program
10:50am – 11:00am	<i>Break – LID Video</i>	N/A
11:00am – 11:20am	Rain Garden Site Selection (Rooftop and Driveway/Parking Lot)	Gregory M. Rusciano, County Environmental and Resource Management Agent for Essex & Passaic Counties
11:20am – 11:35am	Rain Garden Design (Rooftop and Driveway/Parking Lot)	Christopher C. Obropta, Ph.D., P.E., Extension Specialist in Water Resources
11:35am – 12:05pm	In-Class Exercises (Rooftop and Driveway/Parking Lot)	Gregory M. Rusciano, County Environmental and Resource Management Agent for Essex & Passaic Counties
12:05pm – 12:50pm	<i>Lunch (included)</i>	N/A
12:50pm – 1:35pm	Rain Garden Plant Selection	Madeline Flahive DiNardo, Agricultural Agent for Union County
1:35pm – 1:55pm	Rain Garden Construction	William Sciarappa, Ph.D., Agricultural Agent for Monmouth County
1:55pm – 2:10pm	Rain Garden Inspection and Maintenance	Amy Boyajian, Program Associate, Water Resources Program
2:10pm – 3:30pm	Rain Garden Site Visits near the Ag Building	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Staff
3:40pm – 4:00pm	Question and Answer Session Adjourn	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Staff

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Thursday, August 6, 2009		
TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:30am – 9:00am	Registration/ Continental Breakfast (included, inside)	N/A
9:00am – 11:45am	Rain Garden Excavation and Installation (outside)	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Staff
11:45am – 12:00pm	Question and Answer Session (inside)	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Staff
12:00pm – 12:10pm	RGS and RGST Online Exams	Vivian Quinn, Program Assistant, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County
12:10pm – 12:20pm	Please complete the RGS Program Evaluation	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Staff
12:20pm – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch (included)</i> Adjourn for RGS certification people	N/A
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Rain Garden Outreach Programs: Case Studies	Madeline Flahive DiNardo, Agricultural Agent for Union County and Amy Boyajian, Program Associate, Water Resources Program
1:30pm – 2:15pm	Rain Garden Outreach Manual	Madeline Flahive DiNardo, Agricultural Agent for Union County and Amy Boyajian, Program Associate, Water Resources Program
2:15pm – 2:30pm	<i>Break</i>	N/A
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Children's Lesson	Madeline Flahive DiNardo, Agricultural Agent for Union County and Amy Boyajian, Program Associate, Water Resources Program
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Adult's Lesson	Madeline Flahive DiNardo, Agricultural Agent for Union County and Amy Boyajian, Program Associate, Water Resources Program
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Please complete the RGS Program Evaluation	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Staff
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Question and Answer Session Adjourn for RGST certification people	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Staff