



City of Sun Prairie

Stormwater Utility Newsletter

Fall 2005

Working together to improve water quality and protect your property

Rain Gardens *harvesting the heavens*

Creating a rain garden is a simple way to improve your landscaping.

A rain garden is a shallow depression that's planted with native flowers and grasses.

It enhances your lawn and provides a habitat for birds, butterflies, and dragonflies (which eat mosquitoes).

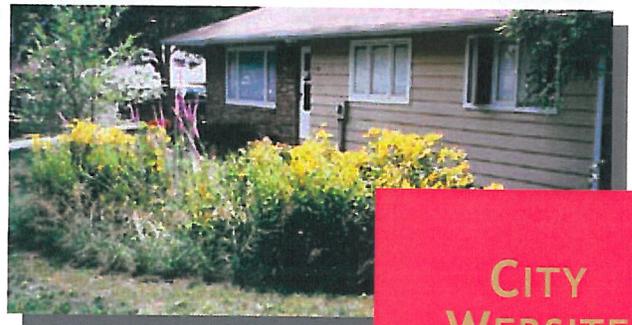
A rain garden benefits the environment by ab-

sorbing runoff water that would otherwise carry pollutants from yards and streets into our waterways.

Rain gardens are relatively inexpensive and require minimal maintenance.

To learn how to build your own rain garden, please visit

www.myfairlakes.com



Photos Courtesy Roger Bannerman, WDNR, and Friends of Lake Wingra

Check Out the New Sweeper



City workers swept 46 truckloads of materials from city streets last year. That's enough gunk to cover a football field 1 foot deep, 1 1/2 times.

You may have seen the city's new sweeper out on the streets. The powerful sweeper uses 100 times more suction than a household vacuum.

Streets are swept not only for aesthetic reasons, but also to prevent materials like heavy metals, nutrients, and debris from harming fish and wildlife.

Sweeping also limits nutrients from entering the City's stormwater detention facilities, which helps reduce weeds and algae.

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Saving Time & The Environment



Learn more tips for taking care of your lawn, saving time and money, and for improving our water quality at the same time.

cityofsunprairie.com

(Engineering Section)



Fall Yard Waste Pick-up Schedule



Leaves contain various nutrients that can pollute our lakes, rivers, and streams.

Please keep them out of the streets, gutters and ditches by composting, bagging or spreading them in gardens.

Collection Schedule

Set leaves in bags or returnable containers without lids by 7 a.m.

Residents with Wednesday or Friday garbage collection:

October 31 and November 14

Residents with Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday garbage collection:

October 24 and November 7

Or drop off yard waste at the Recycle Center.

Fall Hours:

October 17 to December 5

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Improving Our City

Projects undertaken in 2005 to minimize the damage from stormwater runoff include:

- Garnet Drive Storm Sewer Extension
- Westside Token Creek Stormwater Facility
- Westside Koshkonong Creek Stormwater Study & Southside Koshkonong Creek Facility Design



Planned for 2006:

- Coral Drive Storm Sewer Extension
- Southside Koshkonong Creek Stormwater Facility
- County Trunk Highway C Culvert Replacement

The Stormwater Utility will fund roughly 1.25 million dollars in local projects during 2005 and 2006.



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