

# Want to Reduce Runoff?

More than ever, it's crucial to avoid water-wasting runoff.  
Fortunately, Stay Green has the solutions!



Rain Gardens are shallow depressions planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses. The garden should be located near a runoff source like a downspout, driveway, or sump pump to capture rainwater runoff and stop the water from reaching the sewer system and absorb rain water back into our aquifers.

Bioswales are landscape elements designed to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water. They consist of a swaled drainage course with gently sloped sides (less than six percent) and filled with vegetation, compost, and/or riprap. They also help capture, clean, and absorb rain water back into our aquifers.



Erosion Control Planting helps reduce effects of erosion on hillsides. By planting a mixture of perennials, groundcovers, bushes and trees, the effects of erosion are reduced due to different levels of plant material breaking water into smaller droplets on the way to the ground. Once water reaches the ground, having a nice layer of mulch to absorb it uniformly also helps reduce effects of erosion. Finally, a network of roots at varying depths help hold the hillside intact.



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