

Rain Garden Maintenance Checklist
Whippany River Watershed Action Committee



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Responsible Organization: Scouts BSA Troop 155, Whippany NJ

Date of activity: ___/___/___ **Start Time:** ___:___ am/pm **End Time:** ___:___ am/pm

Weather Conditions

TEMP: ___ °F/___ °C

CLOUD Cover: CLR FEW (1/8-2/8) SCT (3/8-4/8) BKN (5/8-7/8) OVC (8/8 FULL Cloud cover)

Barometer: ___ . ___ inHg **Wind:** ___ ° @ ___ Kts

Soil Condition: WET DRY

Precipitation; Previous 72 hours (https://www.weather.gov/marfc/Multisensor_Precipitation):

.01 to .10 (in) .01 to .25 .25 to .50 .50 to .75 .75 to 1.0 >1.0

Most recent storm event –

Date: ___/___/___ **Type:** Heavy RAIN Heavy WIND Heavy SNOW

List of Attendees:

	NAME	Signature
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✓ or N/A	Record of Activity	
		<u>Comments</u>
	<p><u>Inspection:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prior to growing season</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> After large storm events</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> During weather extremes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> End of growing season</p>	
	Weeds https://njaes.rutgers.edu/weeds/	
	Invasive Species	
	Plant Health (Leaf color, Leaf Size, Flowers) https://plants.sc.egov.usda.gov/java/	
	Sediment movement within Rain Garden	
	Excessive Sediment Location	
	<u>Weeding</u>	
	<p>Identify & Pull out weeds</p> <p>Identify & Remove invasive species</p> <p>Keep a look out for:</p> <p>Wisteria</p> <p>Japanese Knotweed</p> <p>Thistle</p> <p>Wild Cucumber</p>	
	<u>Sediment Removal</u>	
	With a flat shovel, remove soil that has accumulated in the rain garden basin.	

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	Avoid the vegetation!	
	<i>Clear gutters and downspouts</i>	
	<i>Watering</i>	
	<i>Especially during dry periods</i>	
	<i>Mulch</i>	
	Apply mulch twice per year until groundcover establishes.	
	<i>Pruning</i>	
	Tattered and discolored plants should be cut back after spring arrives and growth is 4-6" tall.	
	<i>Harvest Plants (When necessary)</i>	
	<i>Re-Planting (as necessary)</i>	

Source:

http://water.rutgers.edu/Rain_Gardens/RGWebsite/Certification%20Program/RGS_RGST_RGInspMaintenance.pdf