



**Missouri Department of Transportation  
Maintenance SOP  
For  
Rain Garden**



A rain garden is a basin for storm water runoff; planted with native vegetation. The native plants aid in the removal of contaminants, nutrients, and excess water.

Annual Inspection guidelines

- 1) Inspect garden to insure there is dense, uniform stand of intended vegetation.
- 2) Remove trash and other debris from the garden.
- 3) Inspect for erosion. Repair as needed.
- 4) Inspect for sediment buildup and remove as needed without removing desired vegetation.
- 5) Use your roadside manager to help weed the rain garden or reestablish appropriate vegetation.

