

# SIMPLE WAYS HOMEOWNERS CAN PROTECT OUR WATERSHEDS



## Plant a Rain Garden

Rain gardens are plots full of native shrubs and flowers that are planted in a depression. This is designed to capture stormwater runoff in the surrounding area. They prevent flooding and create habitat for pollinators and birds.



*The dangerous effects of flooding can be reduced by doing simple tasks like these!*

## Reduce Use of Pesticides, Fertilizers & Deicing Chemicals

Limiting household use of harmful chemicals can prevent nutrient overgrowth and plant/animal death in our waterways.

## Plant Trees/Riparian Buffers

Planting trees prevents flooding, lowers summer temperatures, improves air quality, sequesters carbon and adds value to the neighborhood.



For more information on these techniques and more, check out:

[www.cwmp.org/homeowner\\_resources](http://www.cwmp.org/homeowner_resources)

For more information about stormwater management in visit