



FOUNTAIN CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT

FREE *Landscaping for* *one East side* *homeowner!*



Pueblo Region

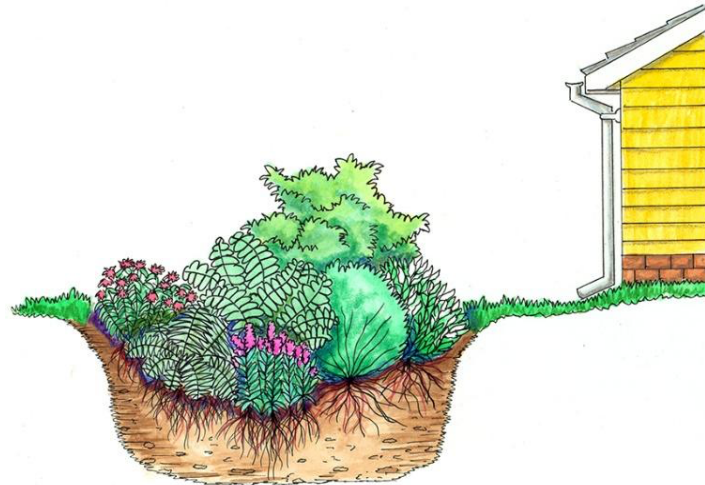
APPLY TODAY To Win A FREE Rain Garden Valued at ~\$1,200!

We are looking for homeowners who:

- Are excited about improving water quality,
- Want to learn about native landscaping,
- Are willing to help care for and maintain the garden,
- And wish to inspire neighbors and community members!

The selected homeowner will receive:

- Custom raingarden design
- Installation support and equipment
- Native plants and mulch
- A free rain barrel
- Technical guidance and maintenance support
- Opportunity to help improve local water quality



Interested homeowners must:

- Live in Pueblo's East side, Lower East side or Eastwood Heights
- Own their home and property, and live full time at least 10+ months/year.
- Have installed gutters and downspouts that are functioning.
- Participate in the installation/building of the garden and recruit volunteers to help, especially family, children and youth!
- Agree to display a yard sign for one year that explains the program and shows sponsor logos.
- Apply!

Timeline:

Program Announced: May-June 2026

Raingarden Application Deadline: July 24, 2026

Projected Raingarden Installation: August/September 2026

What is a Raingarden?

A raingarden is a bowl-shaped garden designed to capture and absorb stormwater runoff from roofs and hard surfaces. Using native plants and healthy soils, raingardens help reduce pollution, support pollinators, and beautify neighborhoods.

Benefits of Raingardens

A rain garden *slows down* the rain and snow melt that flows off home roofs into the gutters and downspouts. Raingardens allow for 30% more water to soak into the ground.

- Improves Water Quality – As runoff is filtered by rain gardens, pollutants soak into the soil and vegetation-not going to nearby waterways.
- Replenishes Groundwater – Allowing water to soak into the ground restores the natural water cycle and helps in drought years.
- Feed Pollinators – Raingardens are perfect areas to plant Colorado native species which provide food sources for bees, butterflies, other insects and hummingbirds.
- Improves Property Values – Well maintained raingardens are attractive landscape features!

RAIN GARDEN EXAMPLES

Check out: <https://www.fountain-crk.org/raingardens>

BEFORE: This 2025 home was chosen in the Stratton Meadows neighborhood of Colorado Springs.



AFTER: This is the installed raingarden after just one year, funded and completed by the Fountain Creek Watershed District with the help of homeowner family, friends and volunteers.





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Pueblo Raingarden Application 2026

DEADLINE to apply: Friday, July 24, 2026, 6:00 PM

This application (pages 3-4) will be evaluated by FCWD staff to select a homeowner/property based on completeness of answers, need, ease of installation at address, and homeowner interest. Drive-by visits and short meetings will be scheduled with five (5) finalists.

Adult Homeowner Name(s)	
Home Address (where garden will be installed)	
City, State	Pueblo, CO
Zip Code	
Mobile Phone(s)	
Email	

Questions:

Your answers: (Please print clearly)

Do you own your home?	
How long have you lived in this home?	
How long do you plan to stay there?	
Why are you interested in a rain garden?	
If your home/property is chosen, the rain garden will need weekly maintenance. How and who will maintain it?	
Do you currently have drainage/runoff issues? Describe:	
Are you willing to remove turf/grass lawn?	

Are you willing to allow photos of the process (before, during and after) and of the family, including children and teens?	
Are you willing to allow occasional tours/workshops at your property?	
Are you willing to display a yard sign for one year that explains the program and shows sponsor logos?	
Are you willing to allow FCWD staff to conduct a site visit if selected as a finalist?	
Are you willing to allow documentation and news and social media coverage of the project?	
Please include 4 photos of your home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Front yard area ○ Roof downspouts ○ Hard surfaces-porch, driveway, sidewalks near home 	Send by email to: fcwdoutreachpueblo@gmail.com Or print and mail to: P.O. Box 8100, Colorado Springs, CO 80933

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

We suggest you save a copy of this application for yourself.

Submit Pages 3-4 by July 24, 2026:

Online: fcwdoutreachpueblo@gmail.com

US Mail: FCWD-Raingarden Project, P.O. Box 8100, Colorado Springs, CO 80933

Arrange for drop-off in-person: Contact Susan

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