

Sustainable Yards Program

A cost-share program for homeowners living in the Lynnhaven River Watershed

Together, we can make a positive impact on the health of the Lynnhaven River

Pearl Lawn Plan

Every lawn absorbs fertilizer at a different rate. Once fully saturated, excess fertilizer in your yard runs off during rainstorms directly into our waterways through our storm water system. In an effort to reduce lawn product pollutants we will create individualized Pearl Lawn Plans based on two soil samples. You will receive a plan customized for your lawn suggesting how to best fertilize each fall and spring with year-round advice on water-friendly turf management for the low cost of \$20.00.



Rain Barrel

Rain Barrels capture rain water which can be used to water your vegetation and reduce your water bills. Municipal water contains ammonia, fluoride, and chlorine which is hard on plant growth.

Your gardens and vegetation will thrive using harvested rainwater. This tool also helps protect our watersheds from runoff pollution. We provide a 125 gallon rain barrel delivered and installed with a co-pay of just \$100.00



Rain Garden

A Rain Garden is a bowl-shaped garden with deep, loose amended soil. The excess water on your lawn or water that flows off of impervious surfaces can be directed into the garden and help to recharge groundwater. This reduces the quantity and improves the quality of storm water runoff. This is also a great way to create a natural habitat for birds, insects, and other species. We will provide cost assistance up to \$4,000 to install a rain garden on your property. A low co-pay of \$100.00 is required.



Infiltration Trench

A gravel-filled trench that stores runoff temporarily until it seeps into the ground through the bottom of the

trench. These practices do not necessarily incorporate vegetation into their design. Instead, they rely on natural soils

to absorb runoff and filter pollutants. We will provide cost assistance up to \$4,000 to install an infiltration trench on your property. A low co-pay of \$100.00 is required.



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