

REGULATORY RAIN GARDEN MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Site name: _____

Inspector: _____

Date: _____

Start/Finish Time: _____ to _____

GENERAL MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION ITEMS	N/A	DONE	NEEDS REPAIR	COMMENTS
Inspect new rain garden after the first two rain storms of 1.0 inch or more.				
For first 3 years rain garden must receive 1 inch of water per week including rainfall and new trees and shrubs must be watered weekly so that soil to depth of roots is moist.				
Remove weedy and invasive plants.				
Do not use fertilizers or pesticides on plants in rain garden.				
Remove trash, organic debris, and pet waste from within and around gardens, including from flow channels if any are present.				
If mowing nearby turf direct cuttings away from gardens. Weed-whack around inlet and outlet structures.				
Check for standing water lasting over 48 hours after a storm event, indicating clogged surface layer. Remove top few inches of surface material and replace with fresh soil mixture and shredded non-dyed hardwood mulch.*				
Remove sediment build-up in rain garden and at inlets & outlets when it exceeds 1.0 inch.*				
Prune or replace woody shrubs and trees when vegetation is dead or dying.				
Remove and replace perennials as needed with approved native plants to maintain ground cover. Annuals may be used if desired. In the early spring cut back dead plant material to 1/3 of its height.				
Repair soil erosion gullies throughout rain garden, around inflow & outflow areas.				
Replenish mulch as needed.*				
Repair erosion on all areas contributing stormwater to rain garden.				
Fill in animal burrows within or near rain gardens.				
Repair signage if faded, or tagged, and replace if missing.				

Comments: _____
