



Hands-on Rain Garden Workshop hosted by B.F. Day

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Learn how to be more green by attending B.F. Day Elementary's Rain Garden Workshop. Attendants will receive hands-on information on how to design and install a rain garden.

"Rain gardens serve as an invaluable educational tool for students to learn about the environment and specific ways to reduce the impact of urbanization on native habitats," according to a press release from Seattle Public Schools.

The B.F. Day rain garden will provide students hands-on lessons about the importance of planting native species that will help collect, filter, and absorb pollutants from storm water runoff.

"During the school year, our students will use this outdoor lab as well as curriculum from our district, local agencies and Audubon partners to learn about complex environmental concepts including greenhouse gas management, storm water management, and ground water and soil protection," said Principal Susan McCloskey. "This rain garden will significantly enhance our students' understanding of urban wildlife, protection and use of urban natural resources.

The rain garden will be created on part of the front lawn of the school. It will be a shallow depression populated with native plants that serve as a natural filter for excess storm water that would otherwise flow into the Ship Canal.

The workshop will take place on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information contact Carrie Bauer at 252-6010.

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