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Rain Garden Plant Kit Sale

Cleveland, OH—The City of South Euclid, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District and Ohio Prairie Nursery are holding a Rain Garden Plant Kit Sale on Saturday, June 5th, from 9:00am to 11:00am. Pick up your plant kit at the South Euclid Service Garage located at 4224 Monticello Boulevard. Plant kit orders are required by Thursday, May 13, and pre-payment is required, cash or check only.

The plant kits come ready-to-plant and each kit contains 38 total plants of 10-12 different native species grown in a deep-cell tray at a cost of \$105 per kit. One kit contains plants for approximately 100 square feet of rain garden. Kits are grown locally at Ohio Prairie Nursery and two types of rain garden plant kits are available: a Rain Garden Plant Kit for *Sun* and a Rain Garden Plant Kit for *Shade*. Additionally, a *Hummingbird-Butterfly* Plant Kit is available.

A rain garden is an attractive landscaped area planted with perennial native plants which don't mind getting "wet feet". Built in a saucer shape, a rain garden is designed to increase infiltration allowing rain and snowmelt to seep naturally into the ground. Benefits of rain gardens are multiple: they recharge groundwater supply, prevent water quality problems, provide habitat for birds and butterflies, and are great looking landscapes features.

The *Rain Garden Manual for Homeowners* is a technical guide detailing the steps required to plant a rain garden. Some topics discussed in the manual include placing and sizing your rain garden, determining the depth and drainage area, soil type, and slope consideration. Copies of the Manual can be downloaded from www.cuyahogawcd.org (click on the 'Grant Funded Projects' tab and then 'Rain Gardens') or call us at 216-524-6580 for a hard copy.

Keeping rain where it falls, by directing it to a rain garden, is a natural solution to storm water pollution. You not only get a lovely garden, but you have also helped protect our rivers and lakes from pollution.

Place your order today with the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator Claire Posius at 216-524-6580 x16 or cposius@cuyahogawcd.org. Two additional sales will be offered through CSWCD, so check the website or call to find out about alternate dates/locations for the Plant Kit sales.

Established in 1949, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District's mission is to promote conservation of land and aquatic resources in a developed environment through stewardship, education, and technical assistance.

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