

## 10 Things You Can Do to Help Dane County's Lakes and Streams

1. Keep leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste out of the street. If you don't compost, be sure no debris gets into the street where it can be washed into lakes or streams, via the nearest storm drain.
2. Make sure downspouts or overflow from rain barrels is directed to a rain garden or grassy area where water can soak in, not to paved areas.
3. Follow directions carefully if you use herbicides and pesticides. Consider natural alternatives.
4. You are required to have a soil test that shows your turf needs phosphorus before applying any phosphorus-containing fertilizer to TURF. Don't pay for something you don't need! Most lawns have more than enough phosphorus.
5. Pick up after your pets. Either flush it or bury it 4-6".
6. If you change your own oil, take the used oil to a recycling center.
7. Maintain your car so it doesn't leak oil or other fluids on the pavement, which gets washed to lakes or streams with rain.
8. Wash your car on the lawn or take it to a professional car wash. Don't let soapy dirty water flow into the storm drain.
9. Prevent soil erosion. Bare soil easily washes into storm drains. Seed or mulch exposed soil as soon as possible. Keep a tarp over piled soil awaiting spreading. If building, choose a contractor that complies with erosion control laws.
10. Get involved. There are many local watershed, conservation and friends groups that are working to protect and improve Dane County's lakes and streams. Learn more at [www.danewaters.com/other/friends.aspx](http://www.danewaters.com/other/friends.aspx), [www.myfairlakes.com](http://www.myfairlakes.com) and [www.rainfordane.org](http://www.rainfordane.org).

## Dane County UW-Extension

Dane County UWEX is a partnership between the UW System and the County of Dane. Extension staff use research-based information and partner with local organizations to bring educational programs to the citizens of Dane County. Our work in agriculture, horticulture, natural resource development, community development, financial education, nutrition and 4-H youth programming is based on community needs.

In Dane County, some programs include:

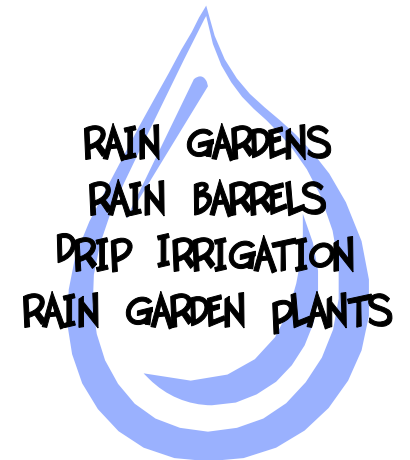
- Master Gardener Volunteer training
- Programs on water quality, invasive species, gardening topics, etc.
- Plant, insect and plant disease identification services through the Horticulture Helpline at 608-224-3715
- Connections to the Dane County Tree Board and the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program

To insure equal access, please make requests for reasonable accommodations as soon as possible prior to the scheduled program, service or activity. If you need this material in another format please contact Lisa Johnson at 608-224-3715.

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## RETAIN THE RAIN! WORKSHOP



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Saturday August 7, 2010  
12:30 pm-4:00 pm  
\$10

Call Lisa Johnson at 608-224-3715 for more information about the event

## PRE-REGISTRATION

Since space is limited, we encourage you to pre-register for the workshop. The form can accommodate 2 registrants; please send another form if needed. Registrations due by August 5. Please enclose a \$10 check for each registrant made out to Dane County Treasurer.

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Please mail forms to Emily Capicik at:

Dane County UWEX  
Retain the Rain Workshop  
1 Fen Oak Court, Ste. 138  
Madison WI 53718

If you have questions please contact Lisa Johnson at 608-224-3715 or johnson.lisa@co.dane.wi.us

## AGENDA SAT. AUGUST 7, 12:30pM-4:00pM

### 12:00p-12:30p REGISTRATION

### 12:30p-1:00p DRIP IRRIGATION

JOHN BIRKHEAD, CAPITOL LAWN SPRINKLER, INC,

### 1:00p-1:30p RAIN BARRELS

MARCIA HARTWIG, DANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LAKES AND WATERSHEDS

### 1:30p-2:00p BREAKTIME AND TIME TO VISIT DISPLAYS

### 2:00p-2:30p FIRST UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE RAIN CONSERVATION

FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

### 2:30p-3:30p RAIN GARDEN CONSTRUCTION AND RAIN GARDEN PLANTS

JOHN GISHNOCK, FORMECOLOGY

### 3:30p-4:00p PLANT DANE! PROGRAM

MARCIA HARTWIG, DANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LAKES AND WATERSHEDS



## MAP AND DIRECTIONS

First Unitarian Society of Madison  
900 University Bay Drive  
Madison, WI 53705-2298

1. **From I-90/94 or Madison South Side** Take US 12/18 west. Exit north at Park St. & go 3 miles to University Ave. Turn left then veer right as Univ. Ave splits into Campus Dr. Go 1 mile & turn right at Univ. Bay Dr. Go 2 short blocks, & FUS is on left, on the hilltop.
2. **From Madison's East/NE** Take E. Washington Ave. west to Paterson St. Turn right, go 4 blocks to E. Gorham St. Turn left. Gorham becomes Univ. Ave. & then it is the same as above.
3. **From Madison's NW (e.g. Middleton)** Take Hwy 12/18 to Univ. Ave. exit. Take Univ. east about 4 miles. At Univ. Bay Dr., turn left. Go 2 (short) blocks, & FUS is left, on the hilltop.
4. **From Madison's West** Inbound on Verona Rd, go north on Midvale Blvd. to Univ. Ave. At Univ. turn right & go 1 mile, moving to the left lane. Turn left at Univ. Bay Dr. Go 2 (short) blocks, & FUS is left, on the hilltop.

