

## Summer Days Garden



This garden is for sunny areas – places receiving more than six hours of direct sunlight per day. In shady locations, these plants will have few blooms.

Plants were selected to provide:

- Long, colorful blooming seasons
- Three-season color and interest
- Flowers and seeds that are attractive to birds and butterflies
- Species hardy in Minnesota

All plants are perennial (come back from their roots each year).

## Maintenance



These plants are all hardy in our area, and will require limited maintenance to keep them looking their best.

- The woodchip mulch should prevent most weeds from invading the garden. A quick weeding may be needed once or twice at the beginning and end of the summer.
- Removing spent flowers may prolong blooming on some plants, so bring some bright bouquets into your home!
- If your garden does not receive about one inch of rainfall per week, supplemental watering may be needed to keep plants blooming. This is especially true during the first year.
- These plants do not require fertilizer in normal soil. If you apply fertilizer, follow directions on the container, and do not fertilize if rain is likely during the next 24 hours. Fertilizer applied

before a rain can wash off and contribute to algae growth or other water quality problems downstream.

- The plants may be cut back to six inches tall in late fall or early spring to remove dead vegetation and encourage new growth.
- After several years, the plant clumps will increase in size. If you wish, these clumps may be split, and moved to create additional gardens in your yard, or given to friends and neighbors.

## Options



- Homeowners may add daffodils, crocuses or other bulbs to the garden for early spring bloom. These may be placed among other plants, so the perennials will cover the spent leaves of the bulbs. Bulbs do not like "wet feet", so plant them only at the top of the garden areas.

## Need More Information?



- The Rainwater Gardens are designed to work with a neighborhood storm water system to hold and absorb runoff from rainfall.
- The plants in the lower portions of the garden are adapted to wet conditions that will occur with rainfall events. The colorful gardens help to make the neighborhood and water system more attractive.
- If you have questions about the gardens, please contact Maplewood Public Works Department at 651-249-2400.



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## Easy Care Shrubs and Perennials



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**1** Neon Flash Spirea  
(Spirea japonica 'Neon Flash')  
Height: 3 feet  
Spread: 3 feet  
Blooms: May to frost. Burgundy  
fall foliage



**2** Prairie Sunset Heliopsis  
Heliopsis helianthoides  
'Prairie Sunset'  
Height: 4 feet  
Spread: 3 feet  
Blooms: June to August



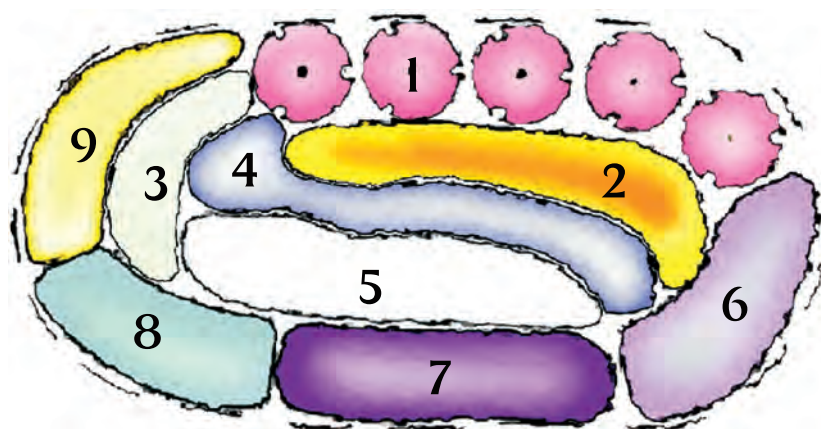
**3** Floristan White Liatris  
Liatris spicata 'Floristan White'  
Height: 3 feet  
Spread: 1.5-2 feet  
Blooms: June to August



**4** Blue Flag Iris  
Iris versicolor  
Height: 2 feet  
Spread: 1.5 feet  
Blooms: May to June



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**9** Goldstrum Rudbeckia  
Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldstrum'  
Height: 2.5 feet  
Spread: 1.5 feet  
Blooms: July to September



**5** White Swan Coneflower  
Echinacea purpurea 'White Swan'  
Height: 2-3 feet  
Spread: 1.5-2 feet  
Blooms: June to August



**8** Little Bluestem  
Schizachyrium scoparium  
Height: 3 feet  
Spread: 1.5 feet  
Blooms: August to September



**7** Purple Dome Aster  
Aster novae-angliae 'Purple Dome'  
Height: 2 feet  
Spread: 2 feet  
Blooms: August to October



**6** Walker's Low Catmint  
Nepeta x faassenii 'Walker's Low'  
Height: 2-2.5 feet  
Spread: 2 feet  
Blooms: June to September

