



# Raingardens

Raingardens are being installed across Moonee Valley instead of traditional drains.

Raingardens improve your neighbourhood by creating:

#### Clean Streets

A raingarden works like a filter and stops litter and other street pollutants from entering our drains and waterways.

#### Green Streets

Rain gardens provide an attractive landscaped garden for your street which sources water from the roads.

#### Where does the pollution come from?

When it rains, the water that runs off hard surfaces like roads, driveways and roofs is known as 'stormwater'. Litter, sediment, oils, heavy metals and other pollution from your street will be carried by the stormwater along gutters and drains, to local creeks and rivers and into the bay.

#### How does a raingarden remove pollution?

A raingarden works like a filter and is designed to trap large pieces of litter on the surface and finer pollutants deeper in the garden. They filter out litter, excess nutrients, chemicals and sediment that are washed from streets, car parks and roofs.

#### What can you do to help?

- Keep your nature strips tidy
- Pick up any cans, bottles or paper caught in the raingarden
- Park vehicles away from the raingarden
- Keep soil or building supplies away from the raingarden

Please contact Council on 9243 8888 if you would like further information.

