

Hull Garden Club

Growing Green

We started a project in 2006 to introduce gardeners to more sustainable gardening practices. We educated gardeners on the environmental and economical advantages of using home composters and collecting rain water at home.

Gardeners were more receptive than expected and it's been difficult at times to keep up with demand.

Since we started this project we have provided...

39 Rain Barrels	2145 gallons of water (if each barrel filled only once a season)
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56 Composters	10 pounds of compost NOT trash per week per family (29,120 pounds of trash a year)
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This incredible savings does not even include the energy saved by not using treated water for watering plants or the money saved by reducing your household trash bill and the landfill space taken up by material that can be composted. It also gives back to the earth, reduces the need to buy compost and creates stronger plants that do not need as much water, need much less fertilizer and are more resistant to pests.

We have also started replanting our Town Gardens (we call them Islands) with Native, Draught tolerant plantings. This reduces the amount of watering we have to do and the need to replant every year. We also use organic fertilizer on these Islands so we do not let chemicals run off into our beautiful surrounding waters.

The newly opened Weir River Estuary Center is a great example of the type of plantings we will continue to create around town.