

# DK Residence

## Mat-Su Rain Gardens



Homeowners had an area on their front lawn that formed a puddle during rain storms. Runoff patterns are indicated by the squiggly blue arrows. The yellow outlines the proposed rain garden design.

**Constructed: July 2011**

**Size: 150-200 sq ft**

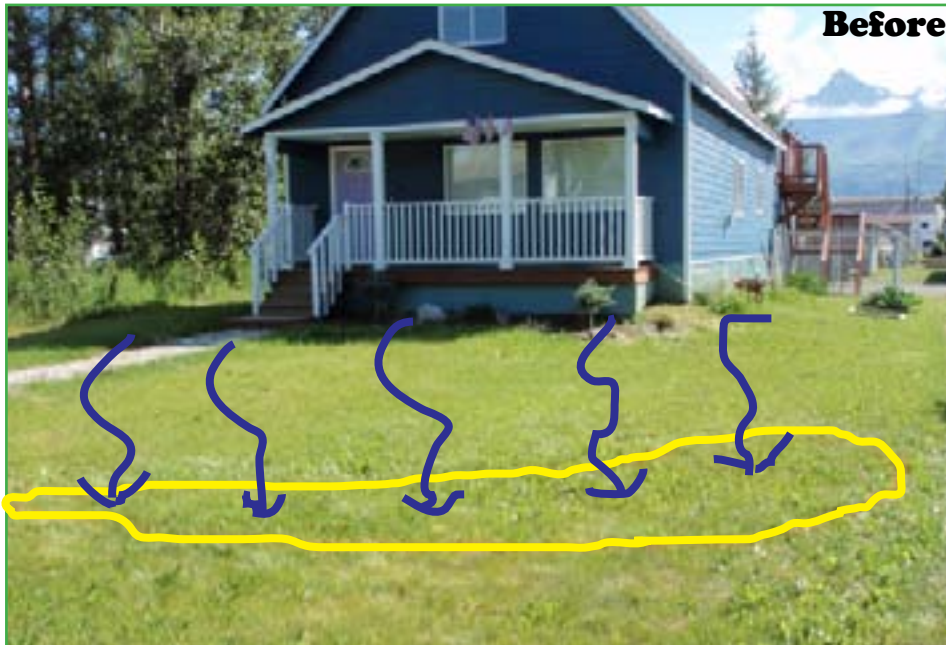
**Total Cost: \$2,000**

Excavation: \$1,000

Topsoil: \$600

Mulch: \$100

Plants: \$300



**Before**



**After**

**Plant List:**

Bluebells, Geraniums, Columbine, Iris,  
Karl Foerster Grass, Lady Fern, Redstem  
Dogwood, Shooting Star, Spirea, Trollius



### Digging!



Grooming the topsoil. We created a **berm** on the downslope edge of the rain garden to allow runoff to pond.



We arranged the plants to follow the layout we sketched. We put the most water-loving plants in the middle of the garden. We placed plants that prefer slightly drier conditions on top of the berm and at the outside edges of the rain garden.



Rocks add visual interest and slow water flow into the garden.