



Story Ideas

- Rain barrels provide a method of reducing a property's stormwater runoff and water consumption. They can be particularly useful in gardens during times of drought as water has been allowed to accumulate and can be used freely.
- For the fifth year, **Bluegrass PRIDE** has made its new year's resolution program available. The 2009 resolutions focus on water quality and provide ideas for small changes to improve Central Kentucky's waterways.
- Rain gardens, planted in shallow depressions, provide an effective method of reducing stormwater runoff, particularly when filled with native plants.
- As part of the Bluegrass Rain Garden Alliance, **Bluegrass PRIDE** is helping to pursue the goal of having 2,010 rain gardens planted in Central Kentucky by 2010.
- Riparian zones—those near the edge of a waterway—provide a wonderful opportunity for planting. Trees and native plants in these areas help to filter sediment, pollutants and other foreign matter from entering the water.
- Small actions, such as routine car maintenance, taking vehicles to the car wash and picking up pet waste make a big impact on a community's water quality.
- **Bluegrass PRIDE** offers numerous ways for Central Kentuckians to take steps to improve water quality, including stream cleanups and river sweeps, storm drain stenciling, rain garden workshops, and the sale of rain barrels.
- Not only does litter impair Central Kentucky's beauty it poses a hazard to its waterways as well. According to Keep America Beautiful, 18 percent of all littered items end up in streams and waterways as pollution.