Rain gardens sized for compliance with MR #5 shall be in accordance with SWMM BMP L601, available at www.cityoftacoma.org/stormwatermanual. Rain gardens not required to comply with SWMM can be sized per the Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington, available at cityoftacoma.org/raingardens - where sizing is based upon depth of either 6-inches or 12-inches of ponding.

1. Transition zone
   a. 1-inch grade change from edge of sidewalk, curb and/or other hard surface.
   b. 2% max. slope.
   c. Transition shall be amended soils per BMP L613 (Std. Plan GSI-01) if applicable or per note 3.

2. Scarify or till subgrade to 3-inch depth. Place 3-inches of topsoil on surface and till into 5-inches of site soil. Install 3-inches woodchip mulch or as specified on plans.

3. Freeboard shall be a minimum of 2-inches for contributing areas under 1,000 square feet, or 6-inches for contributing areas 1,000 square feet or greater per SWMM.

4. Do not compact the rain garden soil mix.
   a. Do not operate heavy equipment within the rain garden.
   b. Do not place or amend rain garden soil when the ground is frozen or when the soil is excessively wet.

5. Continue mulch for a minimum of 2-feet past the top of bank elevation or install landscape edging if rain garden is adjacent to turf.

6. Maximum side slope (2:1 or 3:1) varies with size of contributing area. See SWMM BMP L601 or the Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington, as applicable.