

## **FRENCH DRAIN**

A French Drain or dry well is an underground space that can accept runoff, and allow it to disperse slowly into the groundwater. A simple dry well is a pit filled with rubble, but will not hold much water. A buried perforated concrete or plastic tank will be full of air and can absorb its full volume when runoff hits. Drywells can be fed by roof drains, or located at low spots, slope bases, or at the end of a swale.

## **BERMS**

Berms are simply mounded hills of dirt constructed for many reasons such as blocking out unwanted or unsightly views, directing or redirecting foot traffic or drainage, creating subtle and natural-looking privacy, adding raised elements to the garden, or simply emphasizing a particular area or focal point.

A berm can provide noise reduction if it is several feet higher than the “line of sight” between the noise source and the receiver. This is comparable to the noise reduction of various walls and fences which are used as barriers

Berms can also be used to slow or direct water runoff on steep slopes to swales which then direct water to rain gardens to allow for absorption of the runoff to occur

## **VERTICAL GARDENING**

A vertical garden is a garden that grows upward (vertically) using a trellis or other support system, rather than on the ground (horizontally). Anything grown on a trellis or even a fence is technically part of a vertical garden. ... More recently, vertical gardens can be used to grow flowers and even vegetables.

## **PARKING STRIP**

Strip between the sidewalk and street.

Subject to City rules and regulations (see pdf.)