

## **Pilgrim Manor Pollution Prevention Efforts**

Through continued sustainability efforts that have been guided by our Environmental Stewardship System, Pilgrim Manor has seen many exciting 'green' changes. While we cannot list all our efforts, here are a few:

1. In November 2007, Pilgrim Manor conducted a "Light Bulb Sunday" fundraiser and educational event for its shareholder churches to raise 750 compact fluorescent light bulbs needed by the facility. This light bulb switch alone is expected to save nearly \$12,000 in annual energy costs, and reduce Pilgrim Manor's carbon footprint by 649,305 pounds of carbon dioxide.
2. In efforts to reduce storm water run-off, Pilgrim Manor designed, planned and planted a rain garden with native Michigan plants. Residents and staff aided the design of the rain garden while local college students from Aquinas and Calvin College volunteered to plant the garden. This project was truly a community effort. (See photos below)
3. Pilgrim Manor partnered with the City of Grand Rapids WasteNot to develop a recycling program. Pilgrim Manor provides facility wide recycling for plastic, metal, glass, batteries, ink cartridges, cardboard, paper products, and computer technology.
4. Finally, Pilgrim Manor's Green Team writes and composes a quarterly newsletter for staff and residents call The Manor Tree. This newsletter has information about current sustainability issues, take home tips, and news about what 'green' is going on at Pilgrim Manor. This newsletter is also printed on processed chlorine-free (PCF) paper.



Aquinas College and Calvin College students volunteer time to help Pilgrim Manor plant its first rain garden

