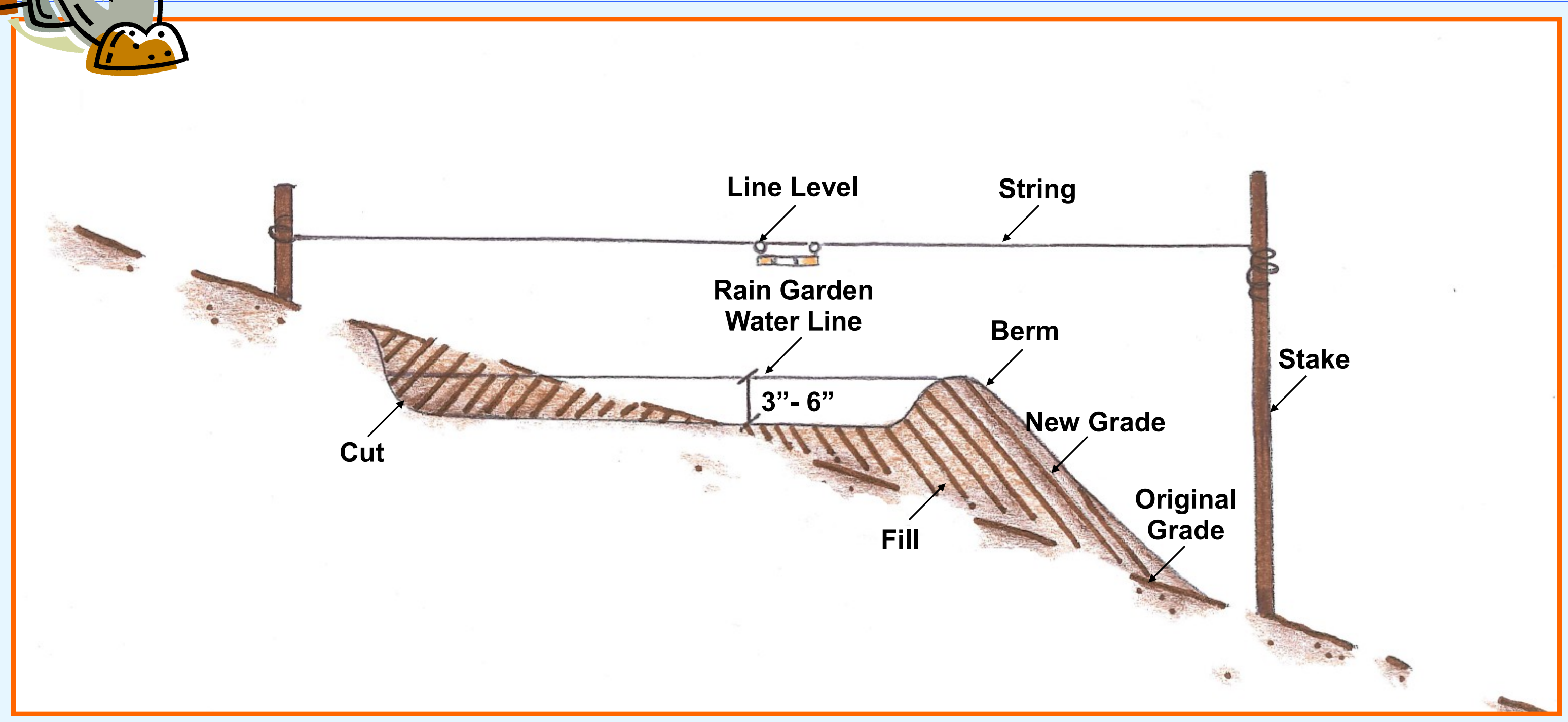


Digging a Rain Garden on a Slope



Rules of Rain Gardens:

1. The rain garden should be 10' away from any basement.
2. Water should pool 3"-6" deep - no deeper.
3. The bottom of the rain garden, where water pools, should be flat.
4. When the rain garden overflows, overflow to a safe location - not toward the house!
5. The soil in the rain garden should be the existing topsoil, mixed with compost.
6. Mulch the rain garden like any perennial bed.

Digging on a Slope:



1. Put up the stakes and the string with the line level. Make the string level.
2. Start digging at the top, where it says "cut".
3. Pile the soil where the berm will be.
4. Keep digging until the bottom of the rain garden is 3"-6" below the top of the berm, and is level (Note: dig 6"-9" if you are adding 3" of compost). Measure from the string to the ground.
5. Pick one part of the berm as an "emergency overflow"; reinforce with stones (This sets the depth of water).
6. Dig a little more to "feather" the edges so they aren't so steep. Put extra soil on the berm, making sure emergency overflow is the lowest part of the berm.
7. Add compost. Till. Add mulch.

