



Recommended Plants

This is by no means an exhaustive list of all good plant options that are available. There are hundreds of thousands of plants available in trade so a complete list would be impossible but this covers some of the most widely used plants for our area.

Plant Type	Common Name	Genus	Species	Sample Cultivars	Mature Height	Mature Width
ES	Abelia	Abelia	grandiflora	Edward Goucher, Little Richard, Rose Creek	5'	5'
DC	Dawn Redwood	Metasequoia	glyptostroboides		75-100'	30-50'
DC	Bald Cypress	Taxodium	distichum		50-70'	20-40'
DS	Buckeye	Aesculus	parviflora		8-12'*	8-15'*
DS	Azalea	Azalea		Mandarin Lights, Northern Hi Lights	3-6'	3-6'
DS	Azalea	Azalea	exbury	Gibraltar, Klondyke etc.	3-6'	3-6'
DS	Barberry	Berberis	thunbergii	Crimson Pygmy, Royal Burgundy	3'	3'
DS	Butterfly Bush	Buddleia	davidii	Blue Chip, Lo and Behold	3-4'	3-4'
DS	Butterfly Bush	Buddleia	davidii	Dark Knight, Miss Molly	6-12'***	4-8'***
DS	Beauty Berry	Callicarpa		Isaii	3-5'	4-5'
DS	Blue Mist Spirea	Caryopteris	clanondensis	Dark Knight, Grande Bleu, Longwood Blue	3-4'	3-4'
DS	Quince	Chaenomeles		Texas Scarlet	3-4'	3-4'
DS	Summersweet	Clethra	alnifolia	Hummingbird, Sixteen Candles, Ruby Spice	2-6'***	3-5'***
DS	Red Twig Dogwood	Cornus	alba	Ivory Halo	5-10'	5-10'
DS	Red Twig Dogwood	Cornus	sericea	Baileyi, Winter Flame	5-10'	5-10'
DS	Winterhazel	Corylopsis			4-5'	6'
DS	Filbert, Harry Lauder's Walking Stick	Corylus	avellana	Red Majestic	8-10'	8-10'
DS	Broom	Cytissus	scoparius		4-8'	4-8'
DS	Slender Deutzia	Deutzia	gracilis	Nikko, Chardonnay Pearls	4'	4'
DS	Redvein Enkianthus	Enkianthus	campanulatus		6-10'	4-6'
DS	Burning Bush	Euonymus	alatus	compactus	10'*	10'*
DS	Forsythia	Forsythia	intermedia	Arnold's Dwarf, Gold tide, Golden Peep, Goldilocks	2-4'	2-4'
DS	Forsythia	Forsythia	intermedia	Lynnwood Gold	6-8'	8-10'

DS	Dwarf Fothergilla	Fothergilla	gardenii	Mt. Airy, Suzanne, Blue Shadow	3-6'	2-4'
DS	Witchhazel	Hamamelis	intermedia	Arnold's Promise	10-12'	10-12'
DS	Rose of Sharon	Hibiscus	syriacus	Diane, Aphrodite	6-10'*	4-6'
DS	Hydrangea	Hydrangea	macrophylla	Endless Summer, Twist and Shout, Nikko Blue etc.	3-5'	4-6'
DS	Hydrangea	Hydrangea	paniculata	Limelight, Pinky Winky, Vanilla Strawberry etc.	6-8'	5-6'
DS	Hydrangea	Hydrangea	paniculata	Little Lime, Little Quick Fire	3-4'	3-4'
DS	Hydrangea	Hydrangea	quercifolia	Alice, Snow Queen etc.	4-8'	6-10'
DS	Saint John's Wort	Hypericum		Hidcote, Sunburst	2-5'	3-5'
DS	Winterberry Holly	Ilex	verticillata	Red Sprite	2.5-3'	2.5-3'
DS	Winterberry Holly	Ilex	verticillata	Sparkleberry, Winter Red (needs male pollinator)	6-8'*	4-5'*
DS	Sweetspire	Itea	virginica	Henry's Garnet, Little Henry, etc.	2-4'	2-4'
DS	Winter Jasmine	Jasminum	nudiflorum		cascading	3-6'
DS	Bayberry	Myrica	pennsylvanica		5-10'*	5-10'*
DS	Ninebark	Physocarpus		Diablo	4-8'	4-8'
DS	Ninebark	Physocarpus		Little Devil, Summer Wine	4-5'	4-5'
DS	Sand Cherry	Prunus	cistena		6-10'*	4-6'
DS	Carpet Rose	Rosa		Carpet series	1-2'	2-3'
DS	Drift Rose	Rosa		Drift series	1-2'	2-3'
DS	Shrub Rose	Rosa		Knockout (and many versions thereof)	3-6'	3-6'
DS	Spirea	Spirea	bumalda	Neon, Magic Carpet, Anthony Waterer etc.	3-5'	3-4'
DS	Spirea	Spirea	japonica	Little Princess etc.	2-3'	2-3'
DS	Spirea	Spirea	nipponica	Snowmound	2-3'	2-3'
DS	Spirea	Spirea	vanhouttei		5-7'	4-6'
DS	Lilac	Syringa		Miss Kim, Palibin, Bloomerang etc.	4-6'	4-6'
DS	Viburnum	Viburnum		Carlesii, Blue Muffin, Shasta etc.	4-12'***	4-12'***
DS	Weigela	Weigela	florida	French Lace, My Monet, Wine and Roses etc	3-5'	3-5'
DS	Weigela	Weigela	florida	Midnight Wine, Spilled Wine etc.	18"-3'	2-3'
ES	Bird's Nest Spruce	Abies	nidiformis		2-3'	3-4'
ES	Japanese Aucuba	Aucuba	japonica	Golddust, Mr. Goldstrike, Crotonifolia	6-8'*	5-6'*
ES	Azalea	Azalea		Tradition, Nancy of Robin Hill, Hino Crimson etc	2-6'***	2-5'***
ES	William Penn Barberry	Berberis	William Penn		2'	3'
ES	Boxwood	Buxus		Green Mountain, Winter Gem, Green Velvet	2-5'***	2-5'***
ES	Japanese Plum Yew	Cephalotaxus		Duke Gardens	2-4'	2-4'
ES	Upright Japanese Plum Yew	Cephalotaxus	fastigiata		8-10'	3-5'
ES	Japanese Plum Yew	Cephalotaxus	prostrata		2-3'	3-4'

ES	False Cypress	Chamaecyparis	pisifera	Filifera aurea nana	6-10'	3-8'
ES	False Cypress	Chamaecyparis	pisifera	Gold Mop, Sungold, Lemon Thread	3-5'	3-5'
ES	Japanese Cedar	Cryptomeria		Globosa	3-4'	4-6'
ES	Japanese Holly	Ilex	crenata	Helleri, Soft Touch	4'	5'
ES	Japanese Holly	Ilex	crenata	Hetzi columnaris	8'	6'
ES	Japanese Holly	Ilex	crenata	Hoogendorn, Green Luster	4-6'	4-6'
ES	Japanese Holly	Ilex	glabra	compacta, densa, Nigra	4-6'	4-6'
ES	Blue Holly	Ilex	meserveae	Blue Maid, Blue Angel, China Girl, Honey Maid	6-8'*	6-8'*
ES	Star Anise	Illicium	floridanum		6-10'*	4-8'*
ES	Oregon Grape Holly	Mahonia	bealii, aquifolium, japonicum		4-6'	4-5'
ES	Siberian Cypress	Microbiota	decussata		1'	3-4'
ES	Heavenly Bamboo	Nandina	domestica	compacta	4-8'	2-4'
ES	Heavenly Bamboo	Nandina	domestica	Fire Power, Harbour Belle, Obsession etc.	2-4'	2-4'
ES	Flase Holly	Osmanthus		Goshiki	6-8'*	6-8'*
ES	Blue Bird's Nest Spruce	Picea	pungens	Montgomery, Glauca Globosa	4-5'	6-8'
ES	Andromeda, Japonica	Pieris	japonica	Cavatine, Prelude, Sarabande etc.	3-4'	3-4'
ES	Andromeda, Japonica	Pieris	japonica	Mountain Fire, Dorothy Wycoff, Scarlet O'Hara	6-10'*	6-8'*
ES	Cherry Laurel	Prunus	laurocerasus	Schipkaensis	6-8'	6'
ES	Skip Laurel	Prunus	laurocerasus	Otto Luyken	4-6'*	6-8'
ES	Firethorn	Pyracantha		Mohave etc.	4-8'	4-8'
ES	Dwarf Rhododendron	Rhododendron		chinoides	4'	6'
ES	Rhododendron	Rhododendron		English Roseum, Boursalt, Nova Zembla etc.	6-8'*	6-8'*
ES	PJM Rhododendron	Rhododendron		PJM	6-8'*	6-8'*
ES	Dwarf Rhododendron	Rhododendron		Yaku Prince, Yaku Princess, Percy Wiseman	3-4'	3-4'
ES	Sweetbox	Sarcococa	hookeriana	humilis	1'	colonizes
ES	Whipcord Arborvitae	Thuja		Whipcord	4-5'	4-5'
ES	Viburnum	Viburnum		Allegheny, Pragense	10-12'*	10-12'*
ET	Concolor Fir	Abies	concolor		50-60'	20-30'
ET	Boxwood	Buxus		Dee Runk, Graham Blandy, Tall Boy	8'	2-3'
ET	Blue Atlas Cedar	Cedrus	atlantica glauca		100'	30'
ET	Fastigate Blue Atlas Cedar	Cedrus	atlantica glauca fastigiata		20-25'	6-8'
ET	Deodar Cedar	Cedrus	deodara		40-50'	30-40'
ET	Hinoki Cypress	Chamaecyparis	obtusa	Nana Gracilis	3-5'	3-5'
ET	Nootka False Cypress	Chamaecyparis	nootkatensis		20-35'	8-12'

ET	Hinoki Cypress	Chamaecyparis	obtusa	compacta, Fernspray	10-15'	4-5'
ET	Hinoki Cypress	Chamaecyparis	obtusa	filicoides	10-12'	8-10'
ET	Hinoki Cypress	Chamaecyparis	obtusa	gracilis	8'	4-5'
ET	Japanese Cedar	Cryptomeria		Black Dragon	8'	3-4'
ET	Japanese Cryptomeria	Cryptomeria	japonica	Yoshino	40'	15'
ET	Japanese Holly	Ilex	crenata	Chesapeake, Steeds	6-8'	4-6'
ET	Upright Japanese Holly	Ilex	crenata	Sky Pencil	6-8'	2'
ET	Dragon Holly	Ilex	meserveae	Dragon Lady	15'	10-12'
ET	Nellie Stevens Holly	Ilex		Nellie Stevens	15-20'	10-15'
ET	Blue Spruce	Picea	pungens	Glauca, Hoopsii	20-60'	10-15'
ET	Norway Spruce	Picea	abies		40-60'	30-35'
ET	White Spruce	Picea	glauca		20-25'	10-15'
ET	Blue Spruce	Picea	pungens	Fat Albert	10-15'	7-10'
ET	Blue Spruce	Picea	pungens	Hoopsii	30-40'	15-20'
ET	Umbrella Pine	Sciadopitys	verticillata		25-40'	15-20'
ET	Green Giant Arborvitae	Thuja		Green Giant	40-60'	12-18'
OG	Feather Reed Grass	Calamagrostis		Karl Foerster	4-5'	2-3'
OG	Sedge	Carex		Evergold	1'	1'
OG	Hakon grass	Hakonochloa	aureola		1'	1-2'
OG	Japanese Blood Grass	Imperata		Red Baron	1-2'	1-2'
OG	Maiden Grass	Miscanthus		Morning Light, Adagio, Strictus etc.	3-6'	3-6'
OG	Mully Grass	Muhlenbergia			4-5'	4-5'
OG	Switch Grass	Panicum		Heavy Metal	4-5'	3-4'
OG	Fountain Grass	Pennisetum	alopecuroides	Hameln	2-3'	2-3'
OG	Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium			2-4'	1.5-2'
G	Lily Turf	Liriope	muscari	Big Blue, Variegata, Silver Dragon	1-1.5'	1-1.5'
G	Lily Turf	Liriope	spicata		1-1.5'	colonizes
G	Pachysandra	Pachysandra	terminalis		6-12"	colonizes
G	Vinca, Periwinkle	Vinca	minor		4-8"	colonizes
P	Yarrow	Achillea		Moonshine, Paprika	18"	+
P	Hyssop	Agastache		Bolero	2-3'	+
P	Bugleweed	Ajuga		Burgundy Glow, Bronze Beauty	6"	+
P	Lady's Mantle	Alchemilla			18"	+
P	Bluestar	Amsonia		Blue Ice	15"	+

P	Windflower	Anemone		September Charm, Honorine Jobert	2-3'	+
P	Columbine	Aquilegia		Biedermeyer mix, alpine	15-30"	+
P	Wormwood	Artemesia		Silvermound	10"	+
P	Butterfly Weed	Asclepias	tuberosa	Hello Yellow	24"	+
P	Aster	Aster		Purple Dome, October Skies	18"-3'***	+
P	Astilbe	Astilbe		Fanale, Bridal Veil, Pumila, Deutschland	12-24"***	+
P	Japanese Painted Fern	Athyrium		Pictum, Ghost	18"	+
P	False Indigo	Baptisia	australis	Purple Smoke, Solar Flare	3'	+
P	Pigsqueak	Bergenia	codifolia		12"	+
P	False Aster	Boltonia	asteroides	Snowbank	3-6'	+
P	Bellflower	Campanula		Blue Clips, Superba	6-20"***	+
P	Calamint	Calamintha		White Cloud	15"	
P	Plumbago	Ceratostigma	plumbaginoides		12"	
P	Turtlehead	Chelone		Hot Lips	3'	
P	Tickseed	Coreopsis		Mercury Rising, Route 66, Zagreb, Moonbeam	12-24"	
P	Pinks	Dianthus		Bath's Pink, Firewitch	6-8"	
P	Bleeding Heart	Dicentra	spectabilis		24"	
P	Bleeding Heart	Dicentra		Exemia, Luxuriant	15"	
P	Auumn Fern	Dryopteris			18-24"	
P	Coneflower	Echinacea			18-36"***	
P	Barrenwort	Epimedium		rubrum, sulphureum	12"	
P	Joe Pye Weed	Eupatorium		coelestinum, Little Joe	2-5'***	
P	Blanket Flower	Gaillardia		Goblin	12"	
P	Sweet Woodruff	Galium	odoratum		1-2"	
P	Wind Flower	Gaura		Siskiyou Pink	3'	
P	Crane's Bill	Geranium		Rozanne, Johnson's Blue, Max Frei	8-24"***	
P	Sneezeweed	Helenium		Mardi Gras, Fuego	18-36"***	
P	Sunflower	Helianthus		Gold Lace	5-6'	
P	False Sunflower	Heliopsis		Summer Sun	3-4'	
P	Lenten Rose	Helleborus	orientalis		12"	
P	Daylily	Hemerocallis		Happy Returns, Stella D'Oro, Pardon Me	16-36"***	
P	Coral Bells	Heuchera		Bressingham Hybrids, Caramel, Palace Purple	10-24"	
P	Rose Mallow	Hibiscus		Robert Flemming, Kopper King, Luna Rose	3-5'***	

P	Candytuft	Iberis		Snowflake	12"	
P	Iris	Iris		pseudocorus, Caesar's Brother, Butter and Sugar	8"-5'***	
P		Kalimeris		Blue Star	15-24"***	
P	Red Hot Poker	Kniphofia		Flamenco	36"	
P	Dead Nettle	Lamium		Beacon Silver	6"	
P	Lavender	Lavendula		Provence, Dilly Dilly	12-30"	
P	Shasta Daisy	Leucanthemum		Becky, Snowcap	14-30"***	
P	Leopard Plant	Ligularia		Othello, Little Rocket, Brit Marie Crawford	2-5'***	
P	Cardinal Flower	Lobelia	cardinalis		3'	
P	Rose Campion	Lychnis	coronaria		2'	
P	Loosestrife	Lysmachia	clethroides		24"	
P	Ostrich Fern	Matteuccia	struthiopteris		3'	
P	Bee Balm	Monarda		Petite Delight, Raspberry Wine	2-5'***	
P	Forget Me not	Myosotis	sylvatica		12"	
P	Catmint	Nepeta		Walker's Low, Dropmore, Blue Wonder	12-24"***	
P	Montauk Daisy	Nipponanthemum	nipponicum		2-3'	
P	Evening Primrose	Oenothera		Siskiyou	12"	
P	Cinnamon Fern	Osmunda	cinnomoea		3-5'	
P	Royal Fern	Osmunda	regalis		4'	
P	Peony	Paeonia		Sarah Bernhardt, Karl Rosenfeld	2-3'	
P	Beardstongue	Penstemon		Husker Red, Red Rocks	30"	
P	Russian Sage	Perovskia		Little Spire, Lacey Blue, Filigran	12-36"***	
P	Garden Phlox	Phlox	paniculata	Bright Eyes	3-4'	
P	Creeping Phlox	Phlox	stolonifera	Blue Ridge	6"	
P	Mountain Pinks	Phlox	subulata	Candy Stripe, Emerald Blue	4-6"	
P	Obedient Plant	Physostegia		Miss Manners	18"	
P	Bell Flower	Platycodon		Sentimental Blue, Mariesii	6-20"***	
P	Jacob's Ladder	Polemonium		Brise D'Anjou, Stairway to Heaven	12"	
P	Solomon's Seal	Polygonatum		variegatum	2'	
P	Christmas Fern	Polystichum			18"	
P	Black Eyed Susan	Rudbeckia		Goldstrum	24-30"	
P	Black Eyed Susan	Rudbeckia	maxima		5-6'	
P	Black Eyed Susan	Rudbeckia		Herbstonne	5-8'	
P	Sage	Salvia		May Night, Snow Hill, East Friesland	15-18"	

P	Stonecrop	Sedum		Bertram Anderson, seiboldii, Dragon's Blood	2-10"	
P	Stonecrop	Sedum		Autumn Joy, Neon	2-3'	
P	Hens & Chicks	Sempervivum			6"	
P	Goldenrod	Solidago		Fireworks, Golden Fleece	18-36"***	
P	Lamb's Ear	Stachys		Helen VonStein	12"	
P	Stoke's Aster	Stokesia		Blue Danube, Honeysong Purple	12-15"	
P	Meadow Rue	Thalictrum		aquilegifolium, rochebrunianum	3-4'	
P	Foam Flower	Tiarella		Brandywine	8"	
P	Toad Lily	Tircyrtis		Sinonome	30"	
P	Iron Butterfly	Vernonia			4-5'	
P	Speedwell	Veronica		Royal Candles, Sunny Border Blue	12-24"	
ST	Red Maple	Acer	rubrum	October Glory, Red Sunset, Autumn Flame	40-60'	35-60'
ST	Sugar Maple	Acer	saccharum		75-100'	50-75'
ST	River Birch	Betula		Heritage, Duraheat	40-50'	25-35'
ST	American Hornbeam	Carpinus	caroliniana		20-30'	20-35'
ST	Hornbeam	Carpinus	betulus	fastigiata	30-40'	20-30'
ST	Beech	Fagus	sylvatica		50-60'	35-50'
ST	Honeylocust	Gleditsia	triacanthos	Shademaster, Sunburst	35-75'	25-40'
ST	Larch	Larix	decidua		80-100'	20-30'
ST	Black Gum	Nyssa	sylvatica		30-50'	20-30'
ST	Pin oak	Quercus	palustris		75'	40'
ST	Red oak	Quercus	rubra		75'	50-70'
ST	White oak	Quercus	alba		60-80'	60-80'
ST	Willow oak	Quercus	phellos		50-70'	30-50'
ST	Zelkova, Vase Tree	Zelkova	serrata		50-70'	40-60'
ST	London Plane tree	Platanus	acerifolia		75-100'	60-75'
ST	Paperbark Maple	Acer	griseum		30'	15'
SFT	Weeping Redbud	Cercis		Ruby Falls	6-8'	4-6'
SFT	Redbud	Cercis	canadensis	Forest Pansy, Rising Sun, Merlot	10-25'***	8-25'***
SFT	Katsuratree	Cerdidiphyllum	japonicum		40-60'	20-25'
SFT	Fringe Tree	Chionanthus	retusus		15-20'	15-20'
SFT	Fringe Tree	Chionanthus	virginicus		15-20'	15-20'
SFT	Dogwood	Cornus	florida	rubra, Stella Pink, Cherokee series	25'	20-25'
SFT	Kousa Dogwood	Cornus	kousa	Satomi	25'	25'

SFT	Smoketree	Cotinus	coggygria	Royal Purple, Grace	15'	10'
SFT	Hawthorne	Crataegus	viridis	Winter King	25-30'	20-25'
SFT	Franklin Tree	Franklinia	alatomaha		15-25'	10-20'
SFT	Carolina Silverbell	Halesia	caroliniana		30-40'	25-35'
SFT	Golden Raintree	Koelreuteria	paniculata		30-40'	30-40'
SFT	Southern Magnolia	Magnolia	grandiflora	Edith Bogue (large), Little Gem, Teddy Bear (sm)	15-50'***	10-30'***
SFT	Saucer Magnolia	Magnolia	soulangiana		30'	15-20'
SFT	Star Magnolia	Magnolia	stellata	Royal Star	10-20'	10-15'
SFT	Sweetbay Magnolia	Magnolia	virginiana		10-30'	10-12'
SFT	Sourwood	Oxydendrum	arboreum		25-30'	25-30'
SFT	Yoshino Cherry	Prunus	yedoensis	Yoshino, Akebono	25-30'	25-30'
SFT	Kwanzan Cherry	Prunus	serrulata	Kwanzan	30'	20-30'
SFT	Plum	Prunus	cerasifera	Thundercloud	15-25'	15-25'
SFT	Sargent Cherry	Prunus	sargentii		20-25'	20-25'
SFT	Okame Cherry	Prunus		Okame	25-30'	25-30'
SFT	Pear	Pyrus		Cleveland Select, Chanticleer etc.	25-35'	15'
SFT	Stewartia	Stewartia	psedocamellia		30'	20-25'
SFT	Japanese Snowbell	Styrax	japonicus		15-20'	15-20'
SFT	Tree Lilac	Syringa	reticulata	Ivory Silk	20-25'	15-20'
SST	Japanese Maple	Acer	japonicum	Bloodgood, Red Emperor	20-25'	15-20'
SST	Split leaf Maple	Acer	japonicum	Tamukeyama, Red Dragon, Crimson Queen etc	4-10'***	4-12'***
SST	Buckeye	Aesculus	pavia		12-15'	12-15'
	Plant Type Key:			<i>*Generally maintained at a smaller size</i>		
DC	Deciduous Conifer			<i>**Varies by cultivar, shrubs are generally maintained on the smaller side</i>		
DS	Deciduous Shrub					
DT	Deciduous Tree					
ES	Evergreen Shrub					
ET	Evergreen Tree					
G	Groundcover					
OG	Ornamental Grass					
P	Perennial					
ST	Shade Tree					
SFT	Small Flowering Tree					
SST	Small Shade Tree					