

Recommended Native Plant List for Rain Gardens

(a 100-square-foot garden should have a minimum of 3 to 5 species; more for larger devices)

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Mature Height/Tolerance
Grasses		
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass	3-6' ht., sun
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	2-4' ht., sun
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass	3-6' ht., sun
Perennials (plant approx. 2' on center)		
<i>Asclepius syrica</i>	Common Milkweed	2-6' ht., sun
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	2-6' ht., sun
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	2-4' ht., sun
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wood Geranium	1-2' ht., sun-shade
<i>Helianthus sp.</i>	Sunflowers	4-6' ht., sun-shade
<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>	Daylily	2-4' ht., sun
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Bee-balm	2-5' ht., sun
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Phlox	2-5' ht., sun-shade
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	2-3' ht., sun-shade
<i>Viola sororia</i>	Common Blue Violet	<1', sun-shade
Shrubs (plant approx. 5' on center)		
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea	<3' ht., sun-shade
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red Osier Dogwood	4-8' ht., sun-shade
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Wild Hydrangea	3-5' ht., partial sun
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry Holly	4'-8' ht., sun-shade
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia Sweetspire	3-5' ht., sun-shade
<i>Myrica pennsylvanica</i>	Northern Bayberry	4-8' ht., sun-shade
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Fragrant Sumac	1-3' ht. sun
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Lowbush Blueberry	1-2' ht., sun-partial sun
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrow-wood Viburnum	3-15' ht., sun-shade
Small Trees (plant approx. 15'-20' on center)		
<i>Acer ginnala</i>	Amur Maple	15-20'
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Shadblow serviceberry	20-25'
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Alleghany Serviceberry	20-25'
<i>Capinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam	25-35'
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia	15-20'
<i>Salix spp.</i>	Willow	10-20'
Large Trees (plant approx. 30' on center)		
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	40-45'
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	40-50'
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honeylocust	40'
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweetgum	50-60'
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	30-50'
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	American Sycamore	50'
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	60-70'
<i>Salix spp.</i>	Willow	40-50'