

Drainfield Landscaping Suggestions

SHALLOW ROOTED PLANTS

Following are just some examples of plants with shallow roots, ideal for creating either a solid mix or a lovely variety that will be pleasing to the eye.

Herbaceous annuals:

Ageratum (*Ageratum housetonianum*)
Wax Begonia (*Begonia semperflorens*)
Coleus (*Coleus species*)
Lobelia (*Lobelia ertinus*)
Sweet Alysum (*Lobularia maritima*)
Geranium (*Pelargonium x hortorum*)
Petunia (*Petunia x hybrida*)
Salvia (*Salvia species*)
Marigold (*Tagetes patula*)
Zinnia (*Zinnia elegans*)

Herbaceous perennials:

Amaria, Seathrift (*Amariac maritima*)
Astilbe (*Astlime x arendsu*)
Basket of Gold (*Aurinia saxatius*) – can also be used as a ground cover
Campanula (*Campanuis species*)
Snow in Summer (*Cerastium tomentosum*)
Lily of the Valley (*Convailaris majalis*)
Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*)
Cottage (and other) Pinks (*Dianthus species*)
Coral Bell (*Haucheria sanguinia*)
Candytuft (*Iberis sempervirens*)
Lavender (*Lavendula angustifolia*) – evergreen
Moss Pink (*Phlox subutata*)

Ground covers (all perennial)

Carpet Bugie (*Ajuga reptans*)
Kennekinnick (*Arctostaphylos uvi-ursa*)
Irish Moss (*Arenaria verna*)
Bunchberry (*Comus canadensis*)
Blue Fescue (*Festuca ovina glauca*)
Wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens*)
Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*)
Lydia Broom (*Genista lydia*)
Pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*) – shaded areas only
Sword Fern (*Polystichum munitum*)
Stone Crop (*Sedum species*)
Hens and Chicks (*Sempervivum tectorum*)
Periwinkle (*Vinca Minor*)
Thyme (*Thymus species*)

