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### 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 erinus*)  
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 (*Astilbe x arendsii*)  
Basket of Gold (*Aurinia saxatilis*) – can also be used as a ground cover  
Campanula (*Campanula species*)  
Snow in Summer (*Cerastium tomentosum*)  
Lily of the Valley (*Convallaria majalis*)  
Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*)  
Cottage (and other) Pinks (*Dianthus species*)  
Coral Bell (*Hauseria sanguinea*)  
Candytuft (*Iberis sempervirens*)  
Lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*) – evergreen  
Moss Pink (*Phlox subulata*)

#### Ground covers (all perennial)

Carpet Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*)  
Kennickinick (*Arctostaphylos uva-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*)



Coral Bell



Sweet William



Plants from left to right:

Thyme, Lily of the Valley, Lavender, Geranium, and Sword Fern