



RETHINK RUNOFF

WHAT YOU CAN DO AROUND YOUR HOUSE

GUIDE TO RAIN GARDEN PLANTS

Rain gardens are a great way to reduce stormwater runoff around your home, but you can also make smaller changes around your garden that will help reduce stormwater, just by including certain plants in your garden.

Below is a list of rain garden plants that you can use in your garden to help reduce stormwater runoff. All of these plants are native to Vermont. In addition, we've noted their mature height, sun exposure and when they bloom.

SALT TOLERANT PLANTS

These plants are salt-tolerant, so you can plant them near walkways, driveways or other places to get salted during the winter.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	TYPE	HEIGHT	DESCRIPTION	EXPOSURE	BLOOM
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Perennial	1-2'	Showy red and yellow, beautiful foliage	Full Sun/ Partial Shade	Spring/ Fall
New England Aster	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	Perennial	2-6'	Pink-purple flowers	Full Sun/ Partial Shade	Summer/ Fall
Daylilies	<i>Hemerocallis ssp.</i>	Perennial	2.5-3.5'	Purple, yellow, orange flowers	Full Sun/ Partial Shade	Summer
Blue Flag Iris	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Perennial	2-3'	Blue-violet flowers	Full Sun/ Partial Shade	Spring/ Summer
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Perennial	2-4'	Vibrant Red spiky flowers, tricky, short lived	Full Sun/ Partial Shade	Summer
Black Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Perennial	1'	Orange-yellow flowers, short lived, deer resistant	Full Sun/ Partial Shade	Summer/ Fall

Check out the other side for our list of salt intolerant plants.



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Salt Intolerant Plants

These plants are not salt-tolerant, so you want to avoid placing them in areas away from where you salt in the winter.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	TYPE	HEIGHT	DESCRIPTION	EXPOSURE	BLOOM
Big Bluestem	Andropogon gerardii	Grass	3-7'	Purple, good for erosion prevention due to large root system	Full Sun	Fall
Milkweed	Asclepias tuberosa	Perennial	1-2.5'	Orange flower	Full Sun	Summer
Coneflower	Echinacea purpurea spp.	Perennial	1-2'	Varieties include purple and white flowers	Full Sun/ Partial Shade	Summer
Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	Perennial	4-6'	Flattopped clusters of small, fluffy, white flowers	Full Sun/ Partial Shade	Summer
Bee Balm	Monarda didyma	Perennial	3'	Red, pink, salmon colored flowers, aggressive	Full Sun/ Partial Shade	Summer
Bloodroot	Sanguinaria canadensis	Perennial	6-10"	White flower, toxic	Partial Shade/ Shade	Spring
Red Osier Dogwood	Cornus sericea	Shrub	6-12'	White flowers, red stems in winter, provides food and cover	Full Sun	Spring/ Summer