

Seattle Department of Transportation

Streetside Garden Plant List

Highlighted = drought tolerant

Yellow= added since march 04

Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) recommends the plants below for gardens within the street right-of-way, including traffic circles, curb bulbs, medians, and planting strips. These plants are suggestions only, availability may vary.

Plants must remain low (24" high) in traffic calming devices and planting strips within 30 ft of an intersection (36" elsewhere). Prune trees to provide visibility of pedestrians, signs and oncoming traffic. Rocks and wood or metal posts are NOT allowed in traffic calming devices.



TREES	Common Name	Description	Size (H x W)
Acer species	Various maple species	Contact SDOT for acceptable types	
Amelanchier species	Serviceberry	Deciduous, white flowers, fall color	10 to 30 x 6 feet
Betula utilis var. Jacquemontii	Himalayan Birch	Deciduous, white bark	60 x 30 feet
Cornus 'Eddie's White Wonder'	Dogwood	Deciduous, greenish-white flowers	20 x 15 feet
Crataegus crusgalli var. inermis	Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	Deciduous, white flowers, orange to scarlet fruit	15 to 25 x 30 feet
Crataegus phaenopyrum	Washington Hawthorn	Deciduous, white flowers, red fruit	30 x 30 feet
Fraxinus oxycarpa 'Raywood'	Raywood Ash	Deciduous, reddish purple fall color	35 x 25 feet
Ginkgo biloba	Maidenhair Tree	Deciduous, fan shaped leaves, fall color	100 x 25 feet
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honeylocust	Deciduous, pendent seed pods	100 x 70 feet
Koelreuteria paniculata	Golden-rain Tree	Deciduous, yellow flowers, brown fruits	30 x 30 feet
Magnolia species	Various species	Contact SDOT Urban Forestry for acceptable types	
Malus 'Adirondack'	Adirondack Crabapple	Deciduous, white flowers, red fruit, disease resistant	18 x 10 feet
Pyrus 'Capital'	Flowering Pear	Deciduous, white flowers, fall color	40 x 25 feet
Quercus rubra	Red Oak	Deciduous, yellow to red brown fall color	80 x 70 feet
Sorbus aucuparia	European Mountain Ash	Deciduous, white flowers, orange-red fruit	25 x 25 feet
Thuja plicata	Western Red Cedar	Evergreen, slender, drooping branchlets	70 x 30 feet
Washingtonia robusta	Washington Palm Tree	Evergreen, fast growth, creamy pink flowers	80 x 8-15 feet

SHRUBS	Common Name	Description	Size (H x W)
Berberis thunbergii 'Kobold'	Kobold Green Barberry	Deciduous, compact, bright green leaves	16" x 24"
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	Evergreen, green to gray foliage, flowers red, purple, pink, or white	4-24" x 30"
Erica carnea	Heath	Evergreen, flowers are purple, pink, or white	8" x 22"
Escallonia 'Newport'	Escallonia	Evergreen, deep pink flowers	30" x 4 feet
Euonymus japonicus 'Microphyllus'	Box-leaf Euonymous	Evergreen, compact, dark green leaves	3 feet x 2 feet
Forsythia viridissima 'Bronxensis'	Forsythia	Deciduous, slow growth, yellow flowers	12" x 2-3 feet
Hebe glaucophylla	Hebe	Evergreen, blue-green leaves, white flowers	2 feet x 2 feet
Ilex crenata 'Helleri'	Japanese Holly	Evergreen, dense, black berries, slow growth	12" x 2 feet
Lavandula species	Lavender	Evergreen, gray-green foliage, purple flowers	3 feet x 4 feet*

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Mahonia nervosa	Low Oregon Grape	Evergreen, yellow flowers, blue-black fruits	18" x 3 feet
Nandina domestica 'Harbour Dwarf'	Heavenly Bamboo	Evergreen, orange-red leaves in winter	2-3 feet x 2 feet
Potentilla fruticosa	Shrubby Cinquefoil	Deciduous, bright green leaves, yellow flowers	3 feet x 5 feet
Prunus laurocerasus 'Mount Vernon'	Mount Vernon Laurel	Evergreen, slow growth, dense mound	3 feet x 3 feet
Rhododendron 'Hino Crimson'	Hino Crimson Azalea	Evergreen, dwarf, brilliant red flowers	2 feet x 2 feet
Rhododendron impeditum	Rhododendron	Evergreen, compact, purplish-blue flowers	2 feet x 2 feet
Rhododendron 'PJM'	PJM Rhododendron	Evergreen, compact, lavender-pink flowers	4 feet x 4 feet
Rhododendron 'Ramapo'	Ramapo Rhododendron	Evergreen, dense, pink-violet flowers	2 feet x 2 feet
Rosmarinus officinalis 'Irene'	Rosemary	Evergreen, vigorous, deep lavender-blue flowers	12-18" x 3-4 feet
Salvia officinalis 'Icterina'	Common Sage	Evergreen, variegated yellow and green leaves	1-3 feet x 2 feet
Cistus 'Sunset'	Magenta Rock Rose	Evergreen, Gray-green leaves, bright magenta flowers	2' x 8'

PERENNIALS	Common Name	Description	Size (H x W)
Alstroemeria species	Alstromeria	Deciduous or evergreen, spreading, flower color varies	1-3 feet x 2-3 feet*
Agastache rupestris			18-24"
Anemanthele	Feather grass	copper	18"
Anthemis biebersteiniana	Dwarf Marguerite Daisy	Yellow flower	12" tall
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly weed	Deciduous, slender fuzzy leaves, clusters of fragrant orange flowers	2' x 2'
Aquilegia species	Columbine	Blue-green leaves, flower color varies	1-4 feet x 2 feet*
Arabis species	Rock Cress	Evergreen, clusters of white, pink, or purple flowers	2-6" x 3-16"*
Artemisia schmidtiana 'Silver Mound'	Silver Mound Artemisia	Evergreen, silvery white leaves	12" x 12-18"
Aster species	Aster	Daisy-like flowers are white, pink, blue, or purple	1-4 feet x 3 feet*
Bergenia species	Pigsqueak	Evergreen, glossy foliage, red or purple flowers	1-2 feet x 18-24"*
Berlandiera lyrata	Chocolate flower	Deciduous, yellow flowers with maroon centers smell like chocolate	15" x 18"
Blechnum spicant	Deer Fern	Evergreen, dark green leaves	1-3 feet x 3 feet
Calylophus hartwegii	Sundrops	Deciduous, slender bright green leaves, many lemon yellow flowers	2' x 3'
Campanula species	Bellflower	Bell-shaped flowers, flower color varies	3 feet x 2 feet*
Coreopsis species	Coreopsis	Daisy-like pink or yellow flowers, attracts bees	8-18" x 2 feet*
Crocsmia 'Kathleen'	Crocsmia	Deciduous, scarlet to orange flowers	3 feet tall*
Dianthus species	Pinks	Evergreen, grass-like leaves, flower color varies	4-36" x 24"*
Eriogonum umbellatum	Sulfur Buckwheat	Evergreen, yellow pom flowers rise above leaf rosettes	24" x 18"
Euphorbia species	Milkweed	Evergreen or deciduous, leaves and flowers variable with species	8" x 3 feet*
Festuca glauca	Blue Fescue	Evergreen, dense, blue-green foliage	12" x 10"
Gazania			
Geranium sanguineum	Bloody Cranesbill	Profuse cup-shaped deep magenta-pink flowers	8" x 12"

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Helianthemum species	Sun Rose	Evergreen, flower color varies	6-8" x 3 feet
Hemerocallis species (low)	Daylily	Evergreen or deciduous, arching, sword-shaped leaves	30-48" x 2-3 feet*
Heuchera species	Coral Bells	Evergreen, heart-shaped leaves, attracts hummingbirds	12-36" x 24"*
Iris siberica	Siberian Iris	Grass-like leaves, flower color varies	20-48" tall *
Kniphofia 'Little Maid'	Red-hot Poker	Grass-like leaves, pale yellow flowers	24" x 18"
Leucanthemum 'Silver Princess'	Dwarf Shasta Daisy	Coarse, leathery leaves, white flowers (Leucanthemum x superbum)	12-15" tall*
Lilium 'Miss America'	Miss America Oriental Lily	Fragrant, pale-pink flowers	24"
Penstemon species	Beard Tongue	Evergreen or deciduous, bell-shaped flowers, color varies	1-3 feet x 1-3 feet*
Phormium tenax 'Jack Spratt'	New Zealand Flax	Evergreen, reddish-brown foliage, also try 'Thumbelina'	18" x 18"*
Polystichum munitum	Sword Fern	Evergreen, narrow, leathery, dark green leaves	2-4 feet x 4 feet
Salvia x jamensis 'San Takao'	San Takao Sage	Evergreen, coral pink flowers	1-3 feet x 1-3 feet
Sedum species	Stonecrop	Evergreen or deciduous, flower color varies	1-6" x 18"*
Triteleia hyacinthina	White Brodiaea	Clusters of papery-texture white or purple flowers	28" tall
Viola	Violet	Evergreen or deciduous, flower color varies	2-8" x 8"*
Yucca baccata	Banana Yucca	Evergreen, long pointy leaves come from a central base	18 inches tall*

BULBS, CORMS, etc.	Common Name	Description	Size (H x W)
Allium species	Ornamental Allium	Compact or loose clusters of white, pink, or violet flowers	Variable*
Anemone species	Windflower	Lots of varieties, cup-shaped flowers	8" x 18"*
Crocus species	Crocus	Grass-like leaves, spring and fall blooming types	2" x 12"*
Iris douglasiana	Iris	Evergreen, vigorous, glossy leaves, flower color varies	2 feet tall
Iris setosa	Iris	Blue-purple flowers	1-2 feet tall
Narcissus species	Daffodil	Lots of varieties	18-24"

GROUND COVER	Common Name	Description	Size (H x W)
Ajuga	Bugleweed	Evergreen, spreading, deep blue-purple flowers	6" x 36"*
Arctosaphylos uva-ursi	Kinnikinnick	Evergreen, small dark green leaves pink-tinted flowers, red fruits	4" x 20"
Cotoneaster dammeri	Bearberry Cotoneaster	Evergreen, vigorous, white flowers, red fruits	8" x 6 feet
Epimedium species	Barrenwort	Evergreen or deciduous, flower color varies	6-12" x 2 feet*
Fragaria chiloensis	Beach Strawberry	Evergreen, glossy, dark green leaves, white flowers, red fruits	4-8" x indefinite
Genista pilosa	Silky Leaf Woodwaxen	Deciduous, dark green leaves, bright yellow flowers	16" x 3 feet
Juniperus horizontalis	Creeping Juniper	Evergreen, gray-green leaves, dark blue fruits	12" x indefinite
Liriope spicata	Lily Turf	flowers	10" x 18"
Sempervivum	Hens and Chicks	Evergreen, succulent, rosettes of thick, pointed leaves	3" x 2 feet*

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Alyssum montanum 'Mountain Gold'	Mountain Gold Alyssum	Evergreen, gray-green foliage, yellow flowers	6" x 20"
Thymus lanuginosus	Woolly Thyme	Evergreen, woolly gray leaves, pink flowers	2-3" x 3 feet