

Groundcover Descriptions & Requirements

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>SPACING</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LIGHTING</u>
Ajuga (<i>Ajuga reptans</i>)	6" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Semi-evergreen Perennial Flat mass of interesting creased dimpled leaves Small spike blue flowers in May. Very rapid.	Sun to part shade
Bearberry (<i>Arctostaphylos.</i>)	6-12" tall	12" apart 1 plant /sq.ft.	Evergreen Shrub Evergreen trailing shrub forms a thick mass of beautiful foliage. Red berry for birds. Bronze fall	Sun or shade
Candytuft (<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>)	6-12" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Evergreen Perennial Lacy fine-texture foliage & crisp white flower in April & May. Charming as edging, among rocks.	Sun to light shade
Cotoneaster (<i>Cotoneaster spp.</i>)	6-12" tall	24" apart ½ plant /sq.ft.	Deciduous/Evergreen Shrub Creeping stems grow outward rapid in all directions taking root where they touch. Fall berry	Sun to light shade
Hosta (<i>Hosta spp.</i>)	18-24" tall	12" apart 1 plant /sq.ft.	Herbaceous Perennial Lovely blue, gold or variegated leaf. Summer flr Leaves die-down in fall but beautiful next spring	Light shade
Ivy (many types) (<i>Hedera helix</i>)	6-8" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Deciduous & Evergreen Vine Dense full green leaves creeping along ground form a dense carpet. May climb. Will last years	Shade
Juniper, Creeping (<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>)	4-12" tall	36" apart ⅓ plant /sq.ft.	Evergreen Shrub Stately blue, green needles. Spreads fast Happy almost anywhere, rocky bank to city lot.	Sun Dense.
Lily-of-the-Valley (<i>Convallaria majalis</i>)	8" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Herbaceous Perennial Delicate white fragrant bell flowers in spring. Vigorous plant forms solid mass. Native NwEng	Light to full shade
Pachysandra (<i>Pachysandra terminallis</i>)	6-8" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Evergreen Perennial Forms dense full carpet. Establish fast. Reliable. Lush dark green foliage. Maintenance-free.	Light-deep Shade
Periwinkle (<i>Vinca minor</i>)	3-6" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Evergreen Perennial Lovely dainty blue flowers in late April. Likes good humusy, well-drained soil for best results.	Light-deep shade
Phlox, Creeping (<i>Phlox subulata</i>)	4-6" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Semi-evergreen Perennial Lovely pink, red, blue, white flowers in April. Form little mounds which merge to solid carpet	Sun
Rock Cress (<i>Arabis</i>)	6" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Herbaceous Perennial White flowers in April-May. Pretty in rock garden or as edger. Creates dense mat of shiny leaves	Sun to part shade
Stonecrop (<i>Sedum acre & others</i>)	6" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Evergreen Perennial Hardy, tiny-leaved, mat-forming. Among rocks, around steps or any spot for soft mossy texture	Sun
Thyme, Creeping (<i>Thymus spp.</i>)	2-12" tall	6" apart 4 plants /sq.ft.	Evergreen Perennial Soft gray/green. Aromatic. Lovely along walks, among stepping stones, rock garden. Dainty flr	Sun
Wintercreeper (<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>)	6" tall	12" apart 1 plant /sq.ft.	Evergreen Perennial Extremely easy to grow. Capable of sprawling. Leaves turn dark purple in winter. Runners cling	Sun to part shade

Groundcovers

Groundcovers, being low-growing and spreading in habit, play an important part in the landscape. Besides their landscape beauty, they:

- 1) help protect soil from erosion;
- 2) prevent encroachment of weeds;
- 3) conserve moisture; and
- 4) during periods of extreme heat, help keep lower soil temperatures.

Groundcovers can be used very successfully on narrow or odd-shaped areas which often present a maintenance problem. Some are well suited for areas where turf is difficult to grow, as under trees which cast dense shade or on banks where mowing would be difficult.

For Shady Places:

Ajuga (*Ajuga*)
 Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos*)
 Dead Nettle (*Lamium*)
 Ferns
 Goutweed (*Aegopodium*)
 Hosta (*Hosta*)
 Houttuynia (*Houttuynia*)
 Ivy, English (*Hedera*)
 Lily-of-the-Valley (*Convallaria*)
 Lily-turf (*Liriope*)
 Pachysandra (*Pachysandra*)
 Phlox (*Phlox stolonifera*)
 Wintercreeper (*Euonymus*)
 Wintergreen (*Gaultheria*)
 Yellow Archangel (*Lamiumstrum*)

For Moist Spots:

Ferns
 Phlox, Canadian (*P. diviaticata*)
 Speedwell, Creeping (*Veronica*)
 Thrift (*Armeria*)

For Sunny Places:

Ajuga (*Ajuga*)
 Broom, Creeping (*Cytisus*)
 Candytuft (*Iberis*)
 Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster*)
 Dianthus, Pinks (*Dianthus*)
 Junipers (*Juniperus*)
 Phlox, Creeping (*Phlox subulata*)
 Rock Cress (*Arabis*)
 Snow-in-Summer (*Cerastium*)
 Speedwell (*Veronica*)
 Stonecrop (*Sedum*)
 Thyme (*Thymus*)

For Dry Soils:

Junipers (*Juniperus*)
 Phlox, Creeping (*P. subulata*)
 Rock Cress (*Arabis*)
 St. John's Wort (*Hypericum*)
 Speedwell, Creeping (*Veronica*)
 Stonecrop (*Sedum*)
 Thyme (*Thymus*)


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