



Plants for Rain Gardens

All species listed below grow best in moist to wet soils unless otherwise noted. Rain garden plants need to handle both saturated and well-drained soil conditions. Remember also to consider the amount of sun or shade that occurs over your rain garden when choosing plants. Plants listed as “may require watering” should be watered during long periods without rain.

TREES / SHRUBS

<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Red Buckeye
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch – grows best on edges of streams/rivers
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	Atlantic White Cedar
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Sweet Pepperbush
<i>Cornus sericea</i> Artic	Red Osier Dogwood
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> ‘Jim Dandy’ (male for Red Sprite)	Winterberry
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> Red Sprite™ (female)	Winterberry
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> Southern Gentleman (male for Winter Red)	Winterberry
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> ‘Winter Red’ (female)	Winterberry
<i>Itea virginica</i> ‘Henry’s Garnet’	Virginia Sweetspire
<i>Itea virginica</i> ‘Little Henry’	Virginia Sweetspire
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia
<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	Swamp Azalea
<i>Rosa palustris</i>	Swamp Rose
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow – may require watering
<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>	Steeplebush
<i>Viburnum nudum</i>	Possumhaw
<i>Viburnum nudum</i> ‘Winterthur’	Possumhaw

VINES

<i>Wisteria frutescens</i> ‘Amethyst Falls’	American Wisteria
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PERENNIALS

<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-in-the-Pulpit – for least wet area
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> ,	Swamp Milkweed – may require watering
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> ‘Ice Ballet’	Swamp Milkweed – may require watering
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White Turtlehead – may require watering
<i>Chelone lyonii</i> ‘Hot Lips’	Pink Turtlehead – may require watering
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Boneset
<i>Eutrochium</i> (<i>Eupatorium</i>) <i>dubium</i>	Joe Pye Weed
<i>Helenium flexuosum</i>	Purple Sneezeweed
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Swamp Rose Mallow – may require watering

PERENNIALS

Iris versicolor	Northern Blue Flag
Lobelia siphilitica	Great Blue Lobelia
Mertensia virginica	Virginia Bluebells
Physostegia virginiana	Obedient Plant
Verbena hastata	Blue Vervain
Vernonia noveboracensis	New York Ironweed

FERNS

Matteuccia struthiopteris	Ostrich Fern
Osmunda cinnamomea	Cinnamon Fern – may require watering
Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis	Royal Fern – may require watering
Phegopteris hexagonoptera	Broad Beech Fern – may require watering

GRASSES/SEDGES

Carex laxiculmus	Spreading Sedge
Luzula acuminata	Hairy Wood Rush – may require watering

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