



Recommended Rain Garden Plants for Massachusetts

SUN/PART SUN PERENNIALS

Latin name	Common Name	Placement	Height	Width	Bloom Time	Bloom color	Native
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Milkweed	Upland, Slope	2-6	2	Summer	Orange	Yes
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	Slope, Bottom	4-5	1-2	Fall	Pink	Yes
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	False Blue Indigo	Upland, Slope	3-5	3-4	Late spring	Blue	Yes
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	Bottom	2-May	1	Early spring	Yellow	Yes
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	Turtlehead	Slope, Bottom	1.5-6	3	Late summer-early fall	White	Yes
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag Iris	Bottom	2-3	1-2	Early summer	Blue	Yes
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Coneflower	Upland	3-5	1	Summer	Pink	Yes
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Boneset	Slope, Bottom	2-6	3-4	Mid-late summer	White	Yes
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	Spotted Joe Pye Weed	Slope, Bottom	2-6	3	Mid summer	Purple	Yes
<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Joe Pye Weed	Slope, Bottom	2-6	3	Mid summer	Purple	Yes
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	Queen of the Prairie	Slope, Bottom	4-8	3-4	Summer	Pink	Yes
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Common Sneezeweed	Slope, Bottom	2-5	2-3	Summer-Fall	Yellow	Yes
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	Slope, Bottom	2-3	2-3	Summer	Blue	Yes
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Bee Balm	Upland	2	1	Summer	Pink	Yes
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-Eyed Susan	Upland	2-3	1-2	Summer	Yellow	Yes
<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Arrowhead	Bottom	1-4	1-3	Summer-late summer	White	Yes
<i>Solidago sp.</i>	Goldenrod	Upland	2-6	2-3	July - October	Yellow	Yes
<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	Upland, Slope, Bottom	2-6	4	Late summer-early fall	Purple	Yes

SHADE PERENNIALS

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<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	Slope, Bottom	2-3	1-2	n/a	None	Yes
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	Slope, Bottom	2-4	1-2	Late summer-early fall	Red	Yes
<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich Fern	Slope, Bottom	2	1-2	n/a	None	Yes
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	Bottom	1-3	1-3	n/a	None	Yes
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon Fern	Slope, Bottom	Up to 5	2-3	n/a	None	Yes
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Foamflower	Slope, Bottom	1	1	May	White	Yes



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<i>Carex crinita</i>	Fringed Sedge	Slope, Bottom	1-3	1-2	n/a	None	Yes
<i>Carex stricta</i>	Tussock Sedge	Upland, Slope, Bottom	<2	1.5-2	n/a	None	Yes
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	Upland, Slope, Bottom	3	1-2	n/a	None	Yes
<i>Scirpus validus</i>	Soft Stem Bullrush	Bottom	6-8	4-5	n/a	None	Yes

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<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft rush	Slope, Bottom	2-4	2-4	n/a	None	Yes
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	Upland, Slope, Bottom	3-7	2-3	n/a	None	Yes

FULL SUN/PART SUN/PART SHADE SHRUBS

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<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	Upland, Slope, Bottom	6-10	3-5	Late spring	White	Yes
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry	Slope	3-6	3-6	Early Spring	White	Yes
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Common Buttonbush	Slope, Bottom	2-6	3-6	Summer	White	Yes
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Sweet Pepperbush	Upland, Slope, Bottom	6-10	4-6	Late summer	White	Yes
<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	Vernal Witchhazel	Slope, Bottom	6-10	6-10	Early spring	Yellow	Yes
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry Holly	Slope, Bottom	6-10	6-10	n/a	None	Yes
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia Sweetspire	Slope, Bottom	6-12	6-12	Summer	White	Yes
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	Slope, Bottom	>10	6-12	Early spring	Yellow	Yes
<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	Swamp Azalea	Upland, Slope, Bottom	1-8	3-8	Spring	White	Yes
<i>Sambucus Canadensis</i>	Elderberry	Upland, Slope, Bottom	5-12	5-12	Mid summer	White	Yes
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Lowbush Blueberry	Slope, Bottom	2-3	2	Late spring	White	Yes
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood	Upland, slope	>10	>10	Early summer	White	Yes
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American Cranberrybush	Bottom	8-12	8-12	Spring	White	Yes

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<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red Osier Dogwood	Upland, Slope, Bottom	6-10	7-9	Early summer	White	Yes
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry Holly	Slope, Bottom	6-8	8-10	n/a	None	Yes