

Plants at the City of Tacoma EnviroHouse

Native and adapted plants, such as plants at the EnviroHouse, provide habitat, increase biodiversity, and can decrease water use and maintenance. And remember, for healthier plants place the right plant in the right place according to sun, soil, and water needs.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Drought Tolerant	Shade Tolerant	Native	Water Use
Bed 1: House Plantings					
Autumn Fern	<i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i>		yes		moderate
Autumn Joy Sedum	<i>Sedum 'Autumn Joy'</i>	yes			low
Beach Strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	yes		yes	low
Bishop's Hat	<i>Epimedium sp.</i>	yes	yes		moderate
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	yes			low
Common Thrift, Sea Pink	<i>Armeria maritima</i>			yes	low
Compact Oregon Grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium 'Compactum'</i>	yes	yes	yes	low
Creeping Thyme	<i>Thymus praecox 'Coccineus'</i>	yes			low
Crocsmia	<i>Crocsmia 'Lucifer'</i>	yes			very low
Crystal River Veronica	<i>Veronica 'Reavis'</i>	yes			low
Daylily	<i>Hemerocallis sp.</i>	yes	yes		low
Deer Fern	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>		yes	yes	moderate
Ecolawn Turf	various	yes			moderate
Euphorbia	<i>Euphorbia x Martinii</i>	yes			low
Grace Ward Lithodora	<i>Lithodora diffusa 'Grace Ward'</i>	yes			low
Green Arrow Alaska Cedar	<i>Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Green Arrow'</i>	yes	yes	yes	moderate
Heavenly Bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica 'Fire Power'</i>	Yes	Yes		low
Heavenly Bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica 'Compacta'</i>	yes	yes		moderate
False Spirea	<i>Astilbe chinensis</i>		yes		moderate
Goat's Beard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>		yes	yes	moderate
Hardy Fuchsia	<i>Fuchsia magellanica</i>	yes	yes		moderate
Iris	<i>Iris sp.</i>	yes	yes		low
Irish Moss	<i>Sagina subulata</i>				moderate
Jacquemontii Birch	<i>Betula jacquemontii</i>		yes		moderate
Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	yes	yes	yes	low
Lily Turf	<i>Liriope muscari</i>	Yes	Yes		Low
Little Bunny Fountaingrass	<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Little Bunny'</i>	yes			Low
Lydia Broom	<i>Genista Lydia</i>	Yes			low
Mock Orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	yes		yes	low
Northern Hi-Lites Azalea	<i>Rhododendron 'Northern Hi-Lites'</i>		yes		high
Northern Lights Azalea	<i>Rhododendron 'Northern Lights'</i>		yes		high
Oak Leaf Sumac	<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	yes			low
Orchid Rockrose	<i>Cistus purpurea</i>	yes			very low
Ornamental Strawberry	<i>Fragaria 'Lipstick'</i>	yes			low
Pacific Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron macrophyllum</i>		yes	yes	high
Patriot Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium 'Patriot'</i>		yes		moderate
Quaking Aspen	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>			yes	high
Red Creeping Thyme	<i>Thymus coccineus</i>	yes			low
Red Flowering Current	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	yes	yes	yes	moderate
Red Twig Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>		yes	yes	moderate
Robin Hill Service Berry	<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Robin Hill'</i>	yes	yes		moderate

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Salal	Gaultheria shallon	yes	yes	yes	moderate
Spanish Lavender	Lavandula stoechas	yes			very low
Spring Bouquet Viburnum	Viburnum tinus 'Spring Bouquet'	yes	yes		moderate
Stonecrop	Sedum album 'Murale'	Yes			very low
Sword Fern	Polystichum munitum	yes	yes	yes	low
Vine Maple	Acer circinatum		yes	yes	moderate
Western Bleeding Heart	Dicentra formosa		yes	yes	low
Western Columbine	Aquilegia formosa	yes	yes	yes	low
Wooly Thyme	Thymus praecox 'Pseudolanuginosus'	yes			low
Winterglow Bergenia	Bergenia cordifolia 'Winterglow'	yes	yes		moderate
Yellow Twig Dogwood	Cornus sericea 'Yellow Twig'		yes		moderate
Bed 2: Rain Garden Near House					
Bunchberry	Cornus unalaschkensis	yes	yes		moderate
Compact Oregon Grape	Mahonia aquifolium 'Compactum'	yes	yes	yes	low
Crème Brulee Coreopsis	Coreopsis verticillata 'Crème brulee'	yes			low
Douglas Aster	Aster subspicatus		yes	yes	moderate
Douglas Iris	Iris douglasiana	yes	yes		low
Kelsey Dogwood	Cornus sericea 'Kelseyi'				moderate
Lady Fern	Athyrium filix-femina		yes	yes	moderate
Little Bunny Fountaingrass	Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Little Bunny'	yes			low
Pearly Everlasting	Anaphalis margaritacea	yes		yes	low
Red Twig Dogwood	Cornus sericea		yes	yes	moderate
Siskiyou Pink Gaura	Gaura lindheimeri 'Siskiyou pink'	yes			low
Slough Sedge	Carex obnupta		yes	yes	high
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	yes		yes	low
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	yes		yes	moderate
Sword Fern	Polystichum munitum	yes	yes	yes	low
Bed 3: Between Sidewalk North of House and Bridge					
Alaska Blue Willow	Salix purpurea 'Nana'				high
Arnold's Promise Witchhazel	Hamamelis x intermedia 'Arnold's Promise'		yes		moderate
Autumn Joy Sedum	Sedum 'Autumn Joy'	yes			low
Azalea	Azalea sp.		yes		moderate
Blue Oatgrass	Avena sempervirens	yes			low
Chinese Fountaingrass	Pennisetum alopecuroides	yes			low
Compact Oregon Grape	Mahonia aquifolium 'Compactum'	yes	yes	yes	low
Copper Sedge	Carex buchananii	yes	yes		moderate
Creeping Raspberry	Rubus pentalobus	yes	yes		low
David Viburnum	Viburnum davidii	yes	yes		moderate
Daylily	Hemerocallis sp.	yes	yes		low
Diablo Common Ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diablo'	yes			low
English Lavender	Lavandula angustifolia	yes			very low
Giant Feathergrass	Stipa gigantea	yes			moderate
Green Arrow Alaska Cedar	Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Green Arrow'	yes	yes	yes	moderate
Iris	Iris sp.	yes	yes		low
Jacquemontii Birch	Betula jacquemontii		yes		moderate

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Japanese Tree Lilac	Syringa reticulata	yes			moderate
Lady Fern	Athyrium filix-femina		yes	yes	moderate
Lilyturf	Liriope muscari	yes	yes		low
Longwood Blue Bluebeard	Caryopteris x clandonensis 'Longwood Blue'	yes			low
Mersea Yellow Pineneedle Beardtongue	Penstemon pinifolius 'Mersea yellow'	yes			very low
Midwinter Fire Bloodtwig Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire'				moderate
Oceanspray	Holodiscus discolor	yes		yes	moderate
Oregon Ash	Fraxinus latifolia		yes	yes	moderate
Pacific Rhododendron	Rhododendron macrophyllum		yes	yes	high
Perennial Ryegrass	Lolium perenne				high
Purple Palace Coral Bells	Heuchera micrantha 'Purple Palace'	yes	yes		low
Red Flowering Currant	Ribes sanguineum	yes	yes	yes	moderate
Rugosa Rose, pavement series	Rosa rugosa	yes			low
Shore Pine	Pinus contorta var. contorta	yes		yes	very low
Sunrose	Helianthemum nummularium	yes			low
Sweet Box	Sarcococca hookeriana var. humilis		yes		moderate
Sword Fern	Polystichum munitum	yes	yes	yes	low
Thinleaf Alder	Alnus tenuifolia		yes	yes	high
Threadleaf Coreopsis	Coreopsis verticillata	yes			low
Thrift; Seapink	Armeria maritima			yes	low
Vine Maple	Acer circinatum		yes	yes	moderate
Winterglow Bergenia	Bergenia cordifolia 'Winterglow'	yes	yes		moderate
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	yes	yes	yes	low

Containers

Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	yes			low
Coneflower	Echinacea purpurea				low
Euphorbia 'Redwing'	Euphorbia x martinii 'Redwing'	yes			low
Euphorbia 'Blackbird'	Euphorbia x martinii 'Blackbird'	yes			low
Gentian Beardtongue	Penstemon gentianoides	yes			low
Mexican Feathergrass	Nassella tenuissima	yes			low
Purple Palace Coral Bells	Heuchera micrantha 'Purple Palace'	yes	yes		low
Threadleaf Coreopsis	Coreopsis verticillata	yes			low

Bed 4: North of Bridge: Low Water-Use Plantings

Autumn Joy Sedum	Sedum 'Autumn Joy'	yes			low
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	yes			low
Blue Fescue	Festuca ovina 'Glauca'	yes	yes		low
California Lilac	Ceanothus thyrsiflorus 'Victoria'	yes			very low
Compact Oregon Grape	Mahonia aquifolium 'Compactum'	yes	yes	yes	low
Crimson Pygmy Barberry	Berberis thunbergii 'Crimson Pygmy'	yes			low
David Viburnum	Viburnum davidii	yes	yes		moderate
Daylily	Hemerocallis sp.	yes	yes		low
English Lavender	Lavandula angustifolia	yes			very low
Fire Power Heavenly Bamboo	Nandina domestica 'Fire Power'	yes	yes		low
Garry Oak	Quercus garryana	yes		yes	very low
Giant Feathergrass	Stipa gigantea	yes			moderate

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Goldenrain Tree	Koeleruteria paniculata	yes			moderate
Green Arrow Alaska Cedar	Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Green Arrow'	yes	yes	yes	moderate
Hairy Rockrose	Cistus incanus	yes			very low
Heavenly Bamboo	Nandina domestica 'Compacta'	yes	yes		low
Iris	Iris sp.	yes	yes		low
Kinnikinnick	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	yes	yes	yes	low
Lavender Cotton	Santolina chamaecyparissus	yes			low
Longwood Blue Bluebeard	Caryopteris x clandonensis 'Longwood Blue'	yes			low
Lydia Broom	Genista lydia	yes			low
Oceanspray	Holodiscus discolor	yes		yes	moderate
Orchid Rockrose	Cistus purpurea	yes			very low
Persian Ironwood	Parrotia persica	yes			low
Point Reyes Ceanothus	Ceanothus gloriosus	yes			low
Purple Palace Coral Bells	Heuchera micrantha 'Purple Palace'	yes	yes		low
Red Flowering Currant	Ribes sanguineum	yes	yes	yes	moderate
Rose Glow Barberry	Berberis thunbergii 'Rose Glow'	yes			low
Shore Pine	Pinus contorta var. contorta	yes		yes	very low
Shrubby Cinquefoil	Dasiphora fruticosa	yes			low
Smooth Sumac	Rhus glabra	yes			low
Spanish Lavender	Lavandula stoechas	yes			very low
Strawberry Tree	Arbutus unedo	yes			low
Sunrose	Helianthemum nummularium	yes			low
Sweet Olive	Osmanthus delavayi	yes	yes		low
Thrift; Seapink	Armeria maritima			yes	low
Winterglow Bergenia	Bergenia cordifolia 'Winterglow'	yes	yes		moderate
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	yes	yes	yes	low
Bed 5: Large Rain Garden (north end)					
Indian Plum	Oemleria cerasiformis	yes	yes	yes	low
Mock Orange	Philadelphus lewissii	yes		yes	low
Oceanspray	Holodiscus discolor	yes		yes	moderate
Slough Sedge	Carex obovata		yes	yes	high
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	yes		yes	moderate
Sword Fern	Polystichum munitum	yes	yes	yes	low

Gardens, Lawn Care, Plants and Planting and Natural Yard Care

WSU Extension - Native Plants: <http://gardening.wsu.edu/text/nwnative.htm>

King County Native Plant Guide – <http://green.kingcounty.gov/GoNative/Index.aspx>; www.dnr.metroKC.gov/gonative

Gardening in Western WA, Landscape Plants - <http://gardening.wsu.edu/text/bestnw.htm>

Great Plant Picks - www.greatplantpicks.org/

Gardening Know How - <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com>

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department - www.tpchd.org/naturalyardcare

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply: www.groworganic.com

Proper Pruning information: www.plantamnesty.org

Soil Biology Primer: <http://soils.usda.gov/sqi/>

In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes: www.inharmony.com

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