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Drainfield Landscaping Suggestions SHALLOW ROOTED PLANTS

Following are just some examples of plants with shallow roots, ideal for creating either a solid mix or a lovely variety that will be pleasing to the eye.

Herbaceous annuals:

- Ageratum (*Ageratum housetonianum*)
- Wax Begonia (*Begonia semperflorens*)
- Coleus (*Coleus species*)
- Lobelia (*Lobelia ertinus*)
- Sweet Alysum (*Lobularia maritima*)
- Geranium (*Pelargonium x hortorum*)
- Petunia (*Petunia x hybrida*)
- Salvia (*Salvia species*)
- Marigold (*Tagetes patula*)
- Zinnia (*Zinnia alegans*)

Herbaceous perennials:

- Amaria, Seathrift (*Amariac maritima*)
- Astlibe (*Astlibe x arendsu*)
- Basket of Gold (*Aurinia saxatius*) – can also be used as a ground cover
- Campanuia (*Campanuis species*)
- Snow in Summer (*Cerastium tomentosum*)
- Lily of the Valley (*Convailaris majalis*)
- Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*)
- Cottage (and other) Pinks (*Dianthus species*)
- Coral Bell (*Haucheria sanguinia*)
- Candytuft (*Iberis sempervirens*)
- Lavender (*Lavenduia angustifolia*) – evergreen
- Moss Pink (*Phoix subutata*)

Ground covers (all perennial)

- Carpet Bugie (*Ajuga reptans*)
- Kennickinnick (*Arctostaphylos uvi-ursa*)
- Irish Moss (*Arenaria verns*)
- Bunchberry (*Comus canadansis*)
- Blue Fescue (*Fastuca ovina glauca*)
- Wintergreen (*Gauitheria procumbens*)
- Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*)
- Lydia Broom (*Genista lydia*)
- Pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*) – shaded areas only
- Sword Fern (*Polystichum munitum*)
- Stone Crop (*Sedum species*)
- Hens and Chicks (*Sempervirum tectorum*)
- Periwinkle (*Vinca Minor*)
- Thyme (*Thymus species*)



Coral Bell



Sweet William



Plants from left to right

Thyme, Lily of the Valley, Lavender, Geranium, and Sword Fern