



Urban Lands Program

The Urban Lands Program helps people make healthy, informed choices for their neighborhoods, communities, and watersheds. We collaborate with community partners to develop demonstration projects that showcase healthy landscaping practices.

We offer site visits, workshops, presentations, and annual events to help you get started.

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Native Plants for Shade



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Choose the best plants for your yard

Every plant needs sunshine and water, but some need more or less than others. Use this guide to help you group plants with the same light and moisture needs together! Your plants will be healthier and need less maintenance.

Why native plants?

- Adapted to our climate
- Need less water and fertilizer when established
- Provide food and shelter for wildlife
- Fewer pest problems without using pesticides



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For Areas with Lots of Shade

How do I use this guide?

This guide provides plant suggestions for areas that are very shady. The plants on the next page are grouped by how much water they need. For example, if you have a shady spot in your yard and you want to find plants that will need very little moisture, look in the first column, titled “dry soil.”



Oxalis and Bleeding heart

Right Plant – Right Place

When you are ready to plant a section of your yard, first determine how much sun and moisture the area gets, then choose a plant that matches those conditions. The right plant, for the right place!

Why is it important to plan for sun and water?

- Plants won't need extra watering
- They will grow better, faster
- You can save money and time

How can I learn more?

EMSWCD offers **FREE** workshops that show examples of native plant communities and provide tips to help them thrive!

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Lady fern

Trees

Dry soil

Coast redwood
Western hemlock

Moist soil

Grand fir
Cascara

Wet soil

Pacific yew
Vine maple

Shrubs

Dry soil

Mockorange
Dull Oregon grape
Salal
Thimbleberry

Moist soil

Red huckleberry
Western twinflower
Evergreen huckleberry
Oceanspray

Wet soil

Western wahoo
Blue currant
Red elderberry
Salmonberry

Groundcovers

Dry soil

Oregon oxalis
Inside-out flower
Evergreen violet
Sword fern

Moist soil

Vanilla leaf
Goat's beard
Wild ginger
Lady fern
Maidenhair fern
Enchanter's nightshade

Wet soil

False lily-of-the-valley
Western bleeding heart
Bunchberry
Scouler's corydalis
Deer fern
False Solomon's Seal