

Suggestions for  
**Rain Gardens**  
Ferns, Grasses & Herbaceous Plants

**Moist**

**Moderately Damp  
Full Sun**

**Dry**

royal fern (*Osmunda regalis*)  
canada lily (*Lilium canadense*)  
cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)  
fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*)  
gray beard tongue (*Penstemon canescens*)  
great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)  
green and gold (*Chrysogonum virginicum*)  
hybrid monarda (*Monarda media*)  
monkey flower (*Mimulus ringens*)  
New York ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)  
sedum (*Sedum telephioides*)  
southern harebell (*Campanula divaricata*)  
thimbleweed (*Anemone virginiana*)  
turk's cap lily (*Lilium superbum*)

Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)  
alumroot (*Heuchera americana*)  
bee balm (*Monarda didyma*)  
boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)  
bowman's root (*Porteranthus (Gillenia) trifoliatum*)  
butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)  
canada lily (*Lilium canadense*)  
cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)  
columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)  
fire pink (*Silene virginica*)  
grass-leaved blazing star (*Liatris graminifolia*)  
gray beard tongue (*Penstemon canescens*)  
great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)  
green and gold (*Chrysogonum virginicum*)  
green headed coneflower (*Rudbeckia Laciniata*)  
hoary mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum incanum*)  
hybrid monarda (*Monarda media*)  
New England aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)  
New York ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)  
oxeye (*Heliopsis helianthoides*)  
sedum (*Sedum telephioides*)  
southern harebell (*Campanula divaricata*)  
spiderwort (*Tradescantia virginiana*)  
sundrop (*Oenothera fruticosa*)  
tall cinquefoil (*Potentilla arguta*)  
thimbleweed (*Anemone virginiana*)  
thin leaved sunflower (*Helianthus decapetalus*)  
turk's cap lily (*Lilium superbum*)  
virgin's bower (*Clematis virginiana*)  
wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)  
wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)

Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)  
little bluestem (*Andropogon scoparius*)  
appalachian ragwort (*Senecio anonymous*)  
butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)  
common evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*)  
fire pink (*Silene virginica*)  
grass-leaved blazing star (*Liatris graminifolia*)  
gray beard tongue (*Penstemon canescens*)  
hoary mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum incanum*)  
lyre leaved sage (*Salvia lyrata*)  
New York ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)  
nodding wild onion (*Allium cernuum*)  
shale barren primrose (*Oenothera argillicola*)  
sundrop (*Oenothera fruticosa*)  
wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)  
woodland sunflower (*Helianthus divaricatus*)  
yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)

## Moist

cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomeae*)  
 maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)  
 marginal wood fern (*Dryopteris marginalis*)  
 canada lily (*Lilium canadense*)  
 cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)  
 closed gentian (*Gentiana clausa*)  
 dwarf larkspur (*Delphinium tricorne*)  
 golden ragwort (*Senecio aureus*)  
 gray beard tongue (*Penstemon canescens*)  
 great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)  
 green and gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*)  
 hybrid monarda (*Monarda media*)  
 jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)  
 monks hood (*Aconitum uncinatum*)  
 sedum (*Sedum telephioides*)  
 southern harebell (*Campanula divaricata*)  
 thimbleweed (*Anemone virginiana*)  
 turk's cap lily (*Lilium superbum*)

## Moderately Damp

## Partial Sun

cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomeae*)  
 maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)  
 marginal wood fern (*Dryopteris marginalis*)  
 alumroot (*Heuchera americana*)  
 bee balm (*Monarda didyma*)  
 bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*)  
 boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)  
 bowman's root (*Porteranthus (Gillenia) trifoliatum*)  
 canada lily (*Lilium canadense*)  
 cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)  
 closed gentian (*Gentiana clausa*)  
 columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)  
 fire pink (*Silene virginica*)  
 golden ragwort (*Senecio aureus*)  
 gray beard tongue (*Penstemon canescens*)  
 great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)  
 green and gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*)  
 green headed coneflower (*Rudbeckia Laciniata*)  
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 hybrid monarda (*Monarda media*)  
 jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)  
 New England aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)  
 oxeye (*Heliopsis helianthoides*)  
 sedum (*Sedum telephioides*)  
 southern harebell (*Campanula divaricata*)  
 sundrop (*Oenothera fruticosa*)  
 thimbleweed (*Anemone virginiana*)  
 thin leaved sunflower (*Helianthus decapetalus*)  
 turk's cap lily (*Lilium superbum*)  
 virgin's bower (*Clematis virginiana*)  
 whorled rosin weed (*Silphium trifoliatum*)  
 wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)  
 wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)  
 wild hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)

## Dry

little bluestem (*Andropogon scoparius*)  
 fire pink (*Silene virginica*)  
 gray beard tongue (*Penstemon canescens*)  
 hoary mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum incanum*)  
 nodding wild onion (*Allium cernuum*)  
 sundrop (*Oenothera fruticosa*)  
 whorled rosin weed (*Silphium trifoliatum*)  
 wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)  
 woodland sunflower (*Helianthus divaricatus*)  
 yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)

## Shade

Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)  
 cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomeae*)  
 log fern (*Dryopteris celsa*)  
 marginal wood fern (*Dryopteris marginalis*)  
 rock cap fern (*Polypodium virginianum*)  
 bishop's cap (*Mitella diphylla*)  
 goatsbeard (*Aruncus dioicus*)  
 golden ragwort (*Senecio aureus*)  
 jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)  
 turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*)

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 rock cap fern (*Polypodium virginianum*)  
 bishop's cap (*Mitella diphylla*)  
 bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)  
 goatsbeard (*Aruncus dioicus*)  
 golden ragwort (*Senecio aureus*)  
 green headed coneflower (*Rudbeckia Laciniata*)  
 jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)  
 solomon's seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*)  
 thin leaved sunflower (*Helianthus decapetalus*)

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Suggestions for  
**Rain Gardens**  
*Shrubs and Small Trees*

**Moist**

American mountain ash (*Sorbus americana*)  
ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

**Moderately Damp**  
**Full Sun**

American mountain ash (*Sorbus americana*)  
mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)  
ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)  
rhododendron (*Rhododendron catawbiense*)  
serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*)  
shiny or winged sumac (*Rhus copallina*)  
spirea (*Spiraea alba latifolia*)

**Dry**

bush honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*)  
ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

**Partial Sun**

American mountain ash (*Sorbus americana*)  
fringe tree (*Chionanthus Virginicus*)  
ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

American mountain ash (*Sorbus americana*)  
fringe tree (*Chionanthus Virginicus*)  
mountain fetterbush (*Pieris floribunda*)  
mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)  
ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)  
rhododendron (*Rhododendron catawbiense*)  
serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*)

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**Shade**

hearts-a-busting (*Euonymus americanus*)  
ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

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