PLANTING CHART

To calculate the number of plants you need, use the chart below. Once you have the information about the ground cover you have

chosen (ultimate size, growth rate, etc.), pick the closest match in column 1 and then multiply your square footage by the corresponding figure in column 2. Then write the resulting number in column 3. This number will be the approximate number of 4" plants you'll need to fill the area within one growing season.

Example: A plant that gets 2' wide, with a Sq. footage of 150 ft.

.25 x 150 = 37.5 38 plants are needed

Space Between Plants	Multiply Sq. Footage By	# Of Plants
6"	4	Tiuris
9"	1.8	
12"	1.0	
15"	.64	
18"	.44	
24"	.25	
30"	.16	

PLANTING AND CARE

Preparing the Ground

Before planting, remove all existing turf grass, weeds, and debris. Then amend the soil with compost at a ratio of 1/3 compost to 2/3 soil. Break up any large clumps of soil and rake the area smooth.

Planting



When planting, be sure the soil level of the plant is even with that of your planting area. If the plant is too deep the crown and stems can rot due to lack of oxygen. If planted too shallow the plant will not have enough

soil contact for adequate rooting or for proper water absorption.

After planting, water thoroughly. It is especially important that new plants get adequate water in the first two summers while they establish themselves.

Fertilizing

It is always good practice to use a starter fertilizer when doing any planting. This helps the plants re-establish roots that have been damaged or lost when transplanted. Once the plants have been in the ground for a season you can feed them once in the early spring with any balanced fertilizer.

Ground Covers



Selecting a Groundcover to Suit Your Needs



WHY PLANT GROUND COVERS?

There are many reasons that ground covers are planted. They are perfect for pathways and can be a great alternative for a lawn. Ground covers also help with weed control, and erosion control on steep hillside locations. Every plant is different, so be sure to know what you want. Do you want to walk on it? Should it be evergreen or flowering? What do you want from a prospective ground cover?

We have organized this pamphlet to help you find the ideal plant that will provide you with the outcome and look you desire. This list is by no means complete, so feel free to ask an employee for more help and information about any questions you may have. Please note that all plants are subject to seasonal availability.

Plants are organized into categories for easier selection. Those that are in light font are suitable for partly shady areas and the plants in **bold font** can take full shade. All the others are best for sunny locations.



PATHWAYS

Acaena microphylla- New Zealand Burr

Ajuga reptans- Bugleweed

Alyssum spp.- Madwort

Anthemis mollis- Roman Chamomile

Arenaria baleariea- Corsican Sandwort

*Azorella t. 'Nana'- Emerald Cushion

Bellium nitidum- Miniature Daisy

Dianthus g. 'Tiny Rubies'

Dymondia m. 'Silver Carpet'

Eleocharis r.- Miniature Rush

Erinus alpines- Alpine Balsam

Erodium spp.- Heron bill

Gypsophila c.- Clumping Baby's Breath

*Herniaria spp.- Rupturewort

*Leptinella spp.- Brass Buttons

Lindernia grandiflora- Blue Moneywort

*Lobelia chinensis- Chinese Lobelia

*Lotus c. 'Plenus'- Dbl. Bird's Foot Trefoil

*Mazus reptans- Creeping Mazus

Mentha requienii- Corsican Mint

Muehlenbeckia a.- Creeping Wire Vine

Nierembergia spp.- Cup Flower

Potentilla verna 'Nana'- Dwarf Potentilla

*Pratia spp.- Star Creepers

Raoulia australis 'Scabwort'

Sangina subulata- Irish moss

Sangina subulata 'Aurea'- Scotch Moss

Scleranthus u.- Gnarled Cushion

Stachys d. 'Alba'

Thymus spp.- Thyme

Trifolium repens- Bronze Dutch Clover

Veronica spp.- Speedwell

*Good Lawn Substitute

FAST GROWING

Ajuga reptans- Bugleweed

Bellium nitidum- Miniature Daisy

Ceanothus gloriosus- Pt. Reyes Ceanothus

Cotoneaster dammeri- Bearberry

Eleocharis r.- Miniature Rush

Euonymus f. 'Coloratus'- Winter Creeper

Fragaria chiloensis- Wild Strawberry

Gallium odoratum- Sweet Woodruff

Hypericum calycinum- St. John's Wort

Lobelia chinensis- Chinese Lobelia

Lotus c. 'Plenus'- Dbl. Bird's Foot Trefoil

Lysimachia nummularia- Creeping Jenny Lysimachia n. 'Aurea'- Golden Cr. Jenny

Mazus reptans- Creeping Mazus

Myosotis spp.- Forget-Me-Not

Nierembergia spp.- Cup Flower

Potentilla v. 'Nana'- Dwarf Potentilla

Pratia (all)

Rubus calycinoides- Emerald Carpet

Sangina subulata- Irish Moss

Sangina s. 'Aurea'- Scotch Moss

Soleirolia soleirollia- Baby Tears

Soleirolia s. 'Aurea'- Golden Baby Tears

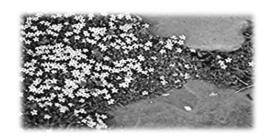
Trifolium repens- Bronze Dutch Clover

Vaccinium c.- Creeping Blueberry

Vinca major- Periwinkle

Vinca minor- Dwarf Periwinkle

Viola hederacea- Australian Violet



DROUGHT TOLERANT

Achillea tomentosa- Woolly Yarrow

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi sp.- Kinnikinnick

Asarum caudatum- Wild Ginger

Azorella t. 'Nana'- Emerald Cushion

Ceanothus gloriosus- Pt. Reyes Ceanothus

Ceratosigma p.- Dwarf Plumbago

Cotoneaster dammeri 'Coral Beauty'

Cotoneaster d'Mooncreeper'- Bearberry

Dianthus g. 'Tiny Rubies'

Epimedium spp.

Erigeron spp.- Fleabane

Fragaria c.'Lipstick'- Lipstick Strawberry

Herniaria spp.- Rupture Wort

Hypericum calycinum- St. John's Wort

Iberis spp.- Candy Tuft

Iovibarba heuffelii

Lavandula a 'Silver Edge'- Lavender

Lithodora spp.

Muehlenbeckia a.- Creeping Wire Vine

Ophiopogon p. 'Nigrescens'- Mondo Grass

Raoulia a. 'Scabwort'

Rosemary, creeping

Rubus calycinoides- Emerald Carpet

Santolina 'Nana'

Sedum spp.

Sempervivum spp.- Hens and Chicks

Thymus spp.- Thyme

Verbena 'Homestead Purple'

Vinca major- Periwinkle

Vinca Minor- Dwarf Periwinkle

Waldstenia fragroides- Barren Strawberry

KEY: Light font = takes part-shade

Bold font = takes full shade

EVERGREEN

Alchemilla mollis- Lady's Mantle

Anthemis mollis- Roman Chamomile

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi sp.- Kinnikinnick

Asarum caudatum- Wild Ginger

Azorella t. 'Nana'- Emerald Cushion

Ceanothus gloriosus- Pt . Reyes Ceanothus

Cotoneaster dammeri- Bearberry

Euonymus f. 'Coloratus'- Winter Creeper

Fragaria chiloensis- Wild Strawberry

Fragaria c. 'Lipstick'- Lipstick Strawberry

Gaultheria procumbans- Wintergreen

Gaultheria shallon- Salal

Herniaria spp.- Rupture Wort

Hypericum calycinum- St. John's Wort

Iberis spp.- Candy Tuft

Leptinella spp.- Brass Buttons

Lithodora spp.

Muehlenbeckia a.- Creeping Wire Vine

Ophiopogon p. 'Nigrescens'- Mondo Grass

Pachysandra terminalis- Japanese Spurge

Raoulia australis 'Scabwort'

Rosemary, creeping

Rubus calcinoides- Emerald Carpet

Saxifraga spp.

Scleranthus spp.

Sedum m 'Ogon'- Golden Jap. Sedum

Thymus spp.- Thyme

Vaccinium macrocarpon- Cranberry

Vinca major- Periwinkle

Vinca minor- Dwarf Periwinkle

Waldstenia fragroides-Barren Strawberry

