

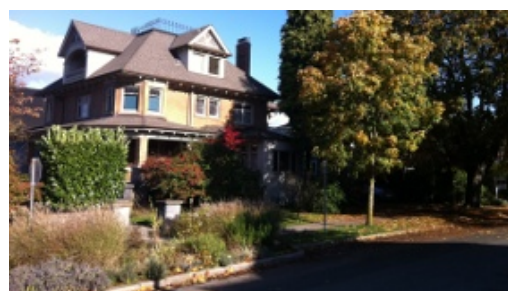
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Recommended plant list

Ensure plants used in street gardens will provide visual enjoyment all year long and meet the Green Streets height requirements.

Plants in traffic circles and plants located close to intersections or where visibility is a concern should be kept to 0.6 m (2 ft) or less. Plants in corner bulge gardens that are located away from the intersection should be kept to a maximum of 1 m (3 ft). View the list of shrubs and plants that flourish in Vancouver.

View this list on your mobile device, or if you prefer, you can print a copy to take with you to the plant nursery.



Plant categories

- Shrubs for traffic circles and corner bulges
- Shrubs for corner bulges only
- Ornamental grasses
- Herbaceous perennials
- Groundcovers

Shrubs for traffic circles and corner bulges

0.6 m (2 ft) or lower

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height (m)	Flower Colour	Traits
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i> var.	Heather	0.30	varies	winter interest
<i>Daliphne cneorum</i>	Rose Daliphne	0.20	white/pink	winter interest
<i>Erica</i> x <i>darleyensis</i> 'Kramer's Rote'	Kramer's Red Heath	0.30	red	winter interest
<i>Euonymous fortunei</i> 'Emerald and Gold'	Emerald and Gold Wintercreeper	0.60	n/a	winter interest
<i>Genista pilosa</i> 'Vancouver Gold'	Woodwaxen	0.60	yellow	winter

				interest
Hebe pinguifolia 'Pagei'	Pagei Grey Hebe	0.30	white	winter interest
Helianthemum nummularium	Sun Rose	0.15	yellow	winter interest
Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'	English Lavender	0.60	purple	winter interest
Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead'	Munstead Lavender	0.46	blue/purple	winter interest
Lonicera pileata	Privet honeysuckle	0.60	white	winter interest
Nandina domestica 'Fire Power'	Fire Power Heavenly Bamboo	0.60	n/a	winter interest
*Mahonia nervosa	Longleaf Mahonia	0.46	yellow	winter interest
Rosa 'Simon Fraser'	Simon Fraser Rose	0.60	pink	
Rosa meidiland 'Pearl'	Pearl Meidiland Rose	0.60	pastel ochre	
Rosa meidiland 'Red'	Red Meidiland Rose	0.60	red	
Rosa meidiland 'White'	White Meidiland Rose	0.60	white	
Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostratus'	Creeping Rosemary	0.15	blue	winter interest
Santolina chamaecyparissus	Cotton Lavender	0.50	yellow	winter interest
Spirea japonica 'Magic Carpet'	Magic Carpet Spirea	0.46	pink	

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Shrubs for corner bulges only

1.0 m (3 ft) or less

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height (m)	Flower Colour	Traits
Buxus microphylla 'Winter Gem'	Littleleaf Boxwood	1.00	n/a	winter interest
Ceratostigma willmottianum	Chinese Plumbago	1.00	blue	
Cistus x corbariensis	Rock Rose	0.90	white-yellow	winter interest
Cistus 'Silver Pink'	Silver Pink Rock Rose	0.90	silver/pink	winter interest
Dalphe cneorum	Rose Dalphe	0.20	white/pink	winter

				interest
Escallonia 'Newport Dwarf'	Newport Dwarf Escallonia	1.00	red	winter interest
Euonymus fortunei 'Emerald Gaiety'	Emerald Gaiety Wintercreeper	1.00	green/white	winter interest
Hebe x franciscana 'Blue Gem'	Blue Gem Hebe	1.00	pink/purple	winter interest
Hebe rakaiensis	Hebe	0.90	white	winter interest
Ilex crenata 'Green Thumb'	Japanese Holly	1.00	white/yellow	winter interest
*Mahonia aquifolium 'Compacta'	Dwarf Oregon Grape	0.90	yellow	winter interest
Phygelius rectus 'Salmon Leap'	Cape Fuchsia	1.00	salmon	
Prunus laurocerasus 'Otto Luyken'	Otto Luyken Laurel	1.00	white	winter interest
Rosa explorer 'Champlain'	Champlain Explorer Rose	1.00	red	
Rosa explorer 'Frontenac'	Frontenac Explorer Rose	0.90	pink	
Rosa meidiland 'Scarlet'	Scarlet Meidiland Rose	1.00	scarlet	

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Ornamental Grasses

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height (m)	Flower Colour	Traits
Carex buchananii	Leatherleaf Sedge	0.70	n/a	
Carex flacca	Blue Sedge	0.70	n/a	
Carex morrowii 'Aurea variegata'	Japanese Sedge	0.50	n/a	winter interest
Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance'	Japanese Sedge	0.30	n/a	winter interest
Festuca glauca 'Pepindale Blue'	Blue Fescue	0.64	n/a	winter interest
Helictotrichon sempervirens	Blue Oat Grass	0.60	n/a	winter interest
Imperata cylindrica 'Rubra'	Japanese Blood Grass	0.40	n/a	winter interest
Liriope muscari	Lilly Turf	0.46	n/a	winter interest
Molinia caerulea 'Moorhexe'	Molinia Moorhexe	0.46	n/a	winter

				interest
<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i> 'Hameln'	Dwarf Fountain Grass	0.70	n/a	winter interest
<i>Sisyrinchium douglasii</i>	Blue Eyed Grass	0.30	n/a	winter interest
<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>	Mexican Feather Grass	0.60	n/a	winter interest

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Herbaceous Perennials

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height (m)	Flower Colour	Traits
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	Lady's mantle	0.60	green/yellow	
<i>Agastache cana</i>	Hummingbird's mint	0.70	pink/purple	
<i>Aquilegia caerulea</i> 'Dragonfly'	Colombine Dragonfly hybrids	0.46	various	
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	Willow Blue-Star	0.60	pale blue	
<i>Arabis procurrens</i>	Rock Cress	0.08	white	
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Sea Thrift	0.20	white, pink	
<i>Artemisia stelleriana</i> 'Boughton Silver'	Boughton Silver Wormwood	0.20	yellow	
<i>Artemisia arborescens</i> 'Powis Castle'	Powis Castle Wormwood	0.50	yellow	
<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	Heartleaf Bergenia	0.60	pale red	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	0.60	varies	
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow in Summer	0.08	white	
<i>Coreopsis rosea</i> 'American Dream'	Pink Coreopsis	0.60	pale red	
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Moonbeam'	Tickseed	0.46	yellow	
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Kim's Knee High'	Dwarf Purple Coneflower	0.60	pink	
<i>Echinops ritro</i>	Small Globe Thistle	0.60	blue	
<i>Eryngium planum</i> 'Sapphire Blue'	Sapphire Blue Flat Sea Holly	0.70	blue	
<i>Erysimum</i> 'Bowles Mauve'	Wallflower	0.60	varies	
<i>Euphorbia x martinii</i>	Martin's Spurge	0.60	yellow/green	winter interest

<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	Donkey-Tail Spurge	0.10	yellow/green	winter interest
<i>Geranium 'Philippe Vapelle'</i>	Cranesbill	0.38	purple	
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Sun Rose	0.15	yellow	
<i>Hemerocallis stella d'oro</i>	Daylily	0.30	yellow	
<i>Heuchera micrantha 'Palace Purple'</i>	Palace Purple Coral Bells	0.60	pink/white	
<i>Iris tenax</i>	Oregon Iris	0.36	varies	
<i>Liatris spicata 'Kobold'</i>	Blazing Star	0.50	purple	
<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i>	Snow Cap Daisy	0.60	white	
<i>Penstemon 'Purple Haze'</i>	Purple Haze Beardtongue	0.76	magenta	
* <i>Polystichum munitum</i>	Western Swordfern (for shade only)	0.70	n/a	winter interest
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'</i>	Orange coneflower	0.60	yellow	winter interest
<i>Sedum 'Autumn Joy'</i>	Autumn Joy Stonecrop	0.58	pink	winter interest
<i>Sedum 'Herbstfreude'</i>	Herbstfreude Sedum	0.70	pink/purple	
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	Lamb's Ear	0.46	varies	
<i>Tanacetum coccineum</i>	Painted Daisy	0.76		

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Groundcovers

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height (m)	Flower Colour	Traits
<i>Erica</i> sp.	Spring Flowering Heather	0.60	n/a	winter interest
<i>Euonymus fortunei 'Coloratus'</i>	Purple-leafed Wintercreeper	0.60	white	winter interest
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	Candytuft	0.30	blue	winter interest
<i>Laurentia fluviatilis</i>	Blue Star Creeper	0.05	blue	
<i>Lithodora 'Grace Ward'</i>	Grace Ward Lithodora	0.10	varies	winter interest
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Creeping Phlox	0.15	pink	winter interest
<i>Sedum acre 'Aureum'</i>	Golden Stonecrop	0.08	gold	winter interest

Sedum spurium	Two-row Stonecrop	0.15	red	winter interest
Sedum telephium 'Xenox'	Upright Stonecrop	0.25	pink	winter interest
Thymus pseudolanuginosus	Wooly Thyme	0.10	pink	

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