

Rain Garden Plants

Plants	Moisture needs	Height (feet)	Color	Bloom time (months)
Grass and Sedges				
<i>Carex comosa</i> (Bristly Sedge) or other sedge	wet	2-3	green	n/a
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> (Little Bluestem)	med	2-4	green (red-brown in fall)	n/a
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> (Prairie Dropseed)	med	2-3	green	n/a
Forbs				
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> (Marsh Milkweed)	wet	3-5	Pink	June-Sept
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> (Butterfly Weed)	dry	1-3	Orange	June-Sept
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i> (New England Aster)	med/wet	3-6	Violet/Yellow	July-Oct
<i>Echinacea pallida</i> or <i>E. purpurea</i> (Purple Coneflower)	dry/med	2-5	Lavender	May-August
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i> (Boneset)	wet	3-5	White	July-Oct
<i>Iris virginica</i> (Blue Flag Iris)	wet	2-3	Blue	May-July
<i>Liatris spicata</i> (Dense Blazing Star)	med/wet	3-5	Pink	July-Sept
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> (Cardinal Flower)	wet	2-5	Red	July-Oct
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> (Great Blue Lobelia)	med/wet	1-4	Blue	July-Oct
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> (Bergamot)	dry/med	2-5	Lavender	July-Sept
<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i> (Wild Quinine)	dry/med	2-3	White	June-Oct
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i> (Foxglove Beard Tongue)	med	2-4	White/Pink	May-July
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i> (Mountain Mint)	dry/med	1-3	White	June-Sept
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i> (Yellow Coneflower)	dry/med	3-6	Yellow	July-Oct
<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i> (Sweet Black-Eyed Susan)	med	3-5	Yellow	August-Sept
<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i> (Ohio Spiderwort)	dry/med	2-4	Blue	May-Oct
<i>Verbena hastata</i> (Blue Vervain)	med/wet	3-6	Violet	June-Sept
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> (Culver's Root)	med	3-6	White	June-Aug

Plants purchased for reimbursement by the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership Rain Garden incentive program must be on this list UNLESS prior permission has been received for substitution.

Plants are mostly suitable for full to partial sun. For alternatives for shady areas, contact the Elkhart County SWCD.

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