**SUNNY RAIN GARDEN PLANTS**

**TALL**

1. **Red Elderberry**  
   *Sambucus racemosa*  
   Deciduous up to 20 ft., white flowers in spring, red berries in early summer. Plant in the bowl of the rain garden.

2. **Vine Maple**  
   *Acer circinatum*  
   Deciduous shrubby tree up to 25 ft., bright green leaves turn brilliant red in the fall, smooth green bark provides garden interest in winter. Plant in bowl of garden.

3. **Evergreen huckleberry**  
   *Vaccinium ovatum*  
   Evergreen 4 to 8 ft., light pink flowers, spring to summer, edible, beautiful foliage with some fall color. Slow growing.

**MEDIUM**

4. **Rush (various species)**  
   *Juncus sp.*  
   Clumped, spiky grass-like plants evergreen up to 3 ft. Smooth, rounded stems, deep roots increase filtration rates. Check for shade tolerance before purchase; plant in bowl of garden.

5. **Sedge (various species)**  
   *Carex sp.*  
   Clumped evergreen grass-like plants up to 3 ft. Tufted structure with foliage ranging from greens to bronze. Provides year-round garden interest; check for shade tolerance before purchase. Plant in bowl of garden.

**SHORT**

6. **Oregon Iris**  
   *Iris tenax*  
   Up to 2 ft., purple blooms in spring, dark green blades.

7. **Kinnikinnick**  
   *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*  
   Spreading shrub up to 8 in. Low-growing evergreen groundcover with drooping pink flowers and red berries. Plant along drier outer edges of garden.

8. **Camas**  
   *Camassia quamash*  
   Perennial wildflower from bulb up to 2 ft. produces dazzling blue flowers with yellow centers. Plant along drier outer edges of garden.

9. **Checkermallow**  
   *Sidalcea sp.*  
   Perennial wildflower up to 2 ft., showy clusters of pink flowers favored by butterflies. Plant along drier edges of garden.

10. **Red Columbine**  
    *Aquilegia formosa*  
    Perennial wildflower up to 3 ft., taller wildflower with multiple drooping red and yellow flowers. Prefers dappled sun; plant along drier outer edges of garden.

**SAMPLE PLANTING**

---

CITY OF GRESHAM GOING BEYOND  
GreshamOregon.gov/Rain-Gardens