



## Groundcover Guide

*Where quality is always growing*

Groundcover plants are a great solution to some landscape problems such as areas that are hard to mow, shady or dry areas where grass won't grow, or areas where erosion control is needed. It may be that groundcover is more aesthetically pleasing than a lawn would be. In some cases, if a low maintenance option is needed, groundcover is perfect.

### **Choosing the Right Groundcover**

To choose the right plant for groundcover, several factors need to be considered: Growing conditions, square footage of the area to be covered, and desired aesthetic.

**Growing Conditions** – It's important to know how much sun the area gets, characteristics of the soil such as moisture retention and whether it's sand or heavy clay, and what hardness zone you're in. These factors will determine what can be successfully grown in the area being covered.

**Square footage** – Knowing how big your area is will help determine how many plants are needed. Different plants grow to different sizes and at different rates. You will be able to figure cost and time required to grow in which will be important in making decisions on what plant to use.

**Desired Aesthetic** – Different plants have different sizes, colors, and textures. Finding the right look will influence what you plant.

\*Take a look at our **Jeepers Creepers** line of groundcovers for some great ideas.

### **Quick Lists**

#### **Shade**

Ajuga  
Baltic Ivy  
Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia)  
English Ivy  
Deadnettle (Lamium)  
Forget Me Not (Myosotis)  
Hellebore  
Lily of the Valley (Convallaria)  
Myrtle  
Pachysandra  
Sweet Woodruff (Galium)

#### **Moist Soils**

Ajuga  
Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia)  
Deadnettle (Lamium)  
Irish Moss (Sagina)  
Mazus

#### **Sun**

Bearberry (Arctostaphylos)  
Candy Tuft (Iberis)  
Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia)  
Ice Plant (Delosperma)  
Juniper, Spreading  
Phlox, Creeping  
Rock Cress (Arabis)  
Sedum, Spreading  
Snow in Summer (Cerastium)

#### **Dry Soils**

Bearberry (Arctostaphylos)  
Ice Plant (Delosperma)  
Juniper, Spreading  
Myrtle  
Pachysandra  
Sedum, Spreading  
Snow in Summer (Cerastium)  
Thyme, Creeping

#### **Very low**

Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia)  
Ice Plant (Delosperma)  
Irish Moss (Sagina)  
Mazus  
Phlox, Creeping  
Rock Cress (Arabis)  
Snow in Summer (Cerastium)  
Thyme, Creeping

#### **Evergreen**

Baltic Ivy  
Bearberry (Arctostaphylos)  
English Ivy  
Hellebore  
Irish Moss (Sagina)  
Myrtle  
Pachysandra  
Sweet Woodruff (Galium)  
Thyme, Creeping