



Don't buy plants until you read this:

The Olympic Peninsula has a remarkably diverse environment. We typically experience damp, cold winters as well as periods of drought during the summer. From a plant's perspective, this is a very tough landscape to perform in. The good news is there are certain plants that thrive in this unique location. Quit wasting your money on the latest Home Depot specials and invest in interesting, attractive plants that thrive with minimal input from you. The following list of plants will perform well in Sequim, Port Angeles and Port Townsend. They are drought tolerant which means they will not need continuous watering after establishment and they only require occasional maintenance. Most of these varieties will attract wildlife by providing cover and a food source. You will have a good chance of finding these plants at your local nursery or through a local landscape contractor as most are typically available throughout the season.

1. Most Attractive and Reliable Trees to use:

- a. Acer Griseum, Paperbark Maple.
- b. Acer Circinatum, Vine Maple (multistem).
- c. Malus Transitoria Golden Raindrops, Golden Raindrops Crabapple.
- d. Arbutus Unedo, Strawberry tree.
- e. Chamaecyparis Nootkatensis 'Pendula', Blue Weeping Alaskan Cedar (as well as similar cultivars).
- f. Pinus Thunbergii 'Thunderhead', Japanese black pine (as well as similar cultivars).

2. Most Interesting and Best Performing Shrubs to use:

- a. Mahonia × media 'Charity', Charity Mahonia
- b. Nandina domestica 'Gulf Stream', Compact Heavenly Bamboo (as well as similar cultivars).
- c. Vaccinium Ovatum, Evergreen Huckleberry.
- d. Polystichum Munitum, Western Sword Fern.
- e. Cistus Purpureus, Orchid Rockrose (as well as similar cultivars).
- f. Ribes Sanguineum, Flowering Currant (as well as similar cultivars).
- g. Berberis Thunbergia, Japanese Barberry (as well as similar cultivars).

3. Most Impactful Ornamental Grasses:

- a. Miscanthus Sinensus, Japanese Silver Grass (as well as similar cultivars).
- b. Helictotrichon Sempervirons, Blue Oat Grass.
- c. Ophiopogon Japonicus, Mondo Grass.
- d. Carex Testacea, Orange Sedge.

4. Longest Blooming Perennials:

- a. Echinacea 'Cheyenne Spirit', Cheyenne Spirit Coneflower (as well as similar cultivars).
- b. Hemerocallis, Daylilies (as well as similar cultivars).
- c. Crocosmia Masoniorum, Giant Montbretia.

If you want to find more information on these plants, simply perform a google search and image search on the full name. If you need any plant help or have any plant specific questions, feel free to contact me at 360-683-5741 or onalandscaping@gmail.com

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