

Naturescaping

Did You Know?

Invasive plants grow 1.7 million acres per year.

Invasive plants spread and grow rapidly in many soil types and weather conditions.

Native Plants need less water and maintenance than non-native plants.

Over \$100 million is spent combating invasive plant species in U.S. wetlands every year.

It is estimated that invasive plants cost the U.S. economy \$120 billion annually in lost crop and livestock production, control efforts, property value damage, and reduced export potential.



Naturescaping is the use of native plants in your garden. These plants can attract beneficial insects, birds, and other creatures. By naturescaping, you help minimize storm water run-off, reduce toxic chemicals, and save money. Native plants don't use as much water as other plants and can usually be sustained by the surrounding environment. In addition, weed killers and other chemicals aren't needed because there are little or no weeds.

Using natural trees can help reduce home energy costs by providing shade to keep your home cool in the summer. Trees also help to provide a wind-break and can reduce noise pollution.

No matter what the season, naturescaped gardens have the potential to bloom year round.

By planting native plants instead of non-native species, you can help keep invasive plant species in check. Invasive species grow quickly and can choke out native plants.

Common Pacific Northwest Plants

Look at what plants are common in your area and consider making a garden specifically with those species. The following plants are the most common plants in the Pacific Northwest.

[Douglas Fir](#)

[Oregon White Oak](#)

[Western Serviceberry](#)

[Hollyleaf Oregon-grape](#)

[Blue Elderberry](#)

[Salal](#)

[Salmonberry](#)

[Hooker's Evening-primrose](#)

[Red Columbine](#)

[Beach Strawberry](#)

Plant A Bee or Butterfly Garden

With bee numbers declining, consider planting bee friendly plants in your garden. By providing plants that bees are attracted to, you can help sustain local colonies. Bees provide pollination for plants and help grow the food we eat. Along with bees, some plants will attract butterflies as well.

For Information on how to create your own bee or butterfly garden visit the following:

[Plant A Bee Garden](#)

[Home For Bees \(PDF\)](#)

[How To Make A Butterfly Garden](#)



Resources

[Wildlife Botanical Garden](#)

[Going Native](#)

[How To Naturescape](#)

[Washington Native Plant Society](#)

[Attracting Wildlife With Native Plants](#)

[Pacific Northwest Native Plants](#)

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