

MORNING SUN WITH ESTABLISHED TREES

Roots of established trees make for tough digging, and intense water competition. This is one of the most challenging gardening situations: dry shade. Plants need to be tough as nails and shallow rooted. Seeds are excellent for areas that you cannot dig due to tree roots. Native plants offer some additional options. Alternative plants include: *Bergenia*, *Blechnum spicant*, *Choisya 'Aztec Pearl'*, *Ilex crenata*, *Linna borealis*, *Luzula sylvatica*, *Mahonia sp*, *Saxifraga stolonifera*, and *Vaccinium ovatum*. See back of pamphlet for seed suggestions.



An area of gravel for garbage bins and car doors.

PLANT LIST

Acanthus mollis or *spinousus*

Cornus alba 'Ivory Halo'

Dicentra formosa

Sarcococca hookeriana 'humilis'

Fill in with *Ophiopogon nigr*, *Viola labradorica*, *Narcissus*, and/or *Convallaria*.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PARKING STRIP PLANTING

Amend the soil with compost. Mix at least 2" of compost into the existing soil. If the area is filled with roots, scratch at most 2" of compost into the soil as best you can.

Fall planting uses the rains to best advantage. Spring and summer plantings require regular water through the first few growing seasons. Fall plantings require water during dry spells for the first few growing seasons.

Choose plants appropriate to your situation. A dry, western exposure will thrive with sun loving, drought tolerant plants. Those same plants will languish in shade.

Design to accommodate your lifestyle. Incorporate details such as space for refuse/recycling bins or a path for car doors to open.

MULCH! It's one of the best and cheapest tools for stressful areas. Use compost to improve the soil and retain moisture through the dry months. Mycorrhiza and compost tea enliven the soil which benefits plants in stressful times.

SEEDS FOR SUN

Calendula
Centaurea
Eschscholzia
Foeniculum
Linaria
Nicotiana
Nigella

SEEDS FOR PART SHADE

Alyssum
Cerinthe
Lunaria
Myosotis
Nasturtium

Designs for Parking Strips



Design & Plant Suggestions,
With Tips for Care

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DESIGNS FOR PARKING STRIPS

The area between street and sidewalk (a.k.a. parking strip) is a prominent and challenging area to garden. These areas are often exposed to extreme conditions such as pollution, water competition, drought, and heavy foot traffic.

This pamphlet offers some designs using low maintenance, tough plants for three difficult scenarios. Each design also gives some tips for the specific situation, and a list of alternate plants so you can create your own plan. The designs are based on a 3½ x 40' area. For larger areas simply use more of the plants in the design or repeat the design. If you would like a suggestion for trees, ask at our Info. Desk for the list provided by Urban Forestry Division. You do need a permit to plant a tree in a parking strip. You do not need a permit to plant shrubs and smaller plants; but we do recommend you learn the location of utility lines by calling 811 BEFORE digging. It's free and it's the law.

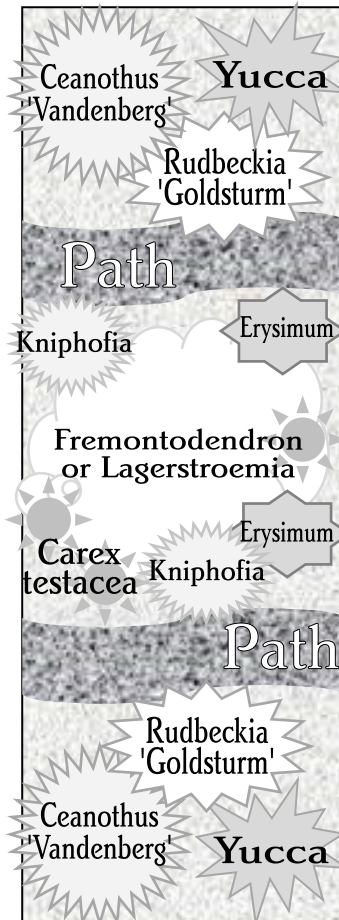


We are happy to provide you with suggestions for whatever unique situation your parking strip presents. Stop by our Information Desk with any questions. The back of this pamphlet offers some tips for successful planting in any situations.

FULL SUN WITHOUT TREES

Intense sun (south or west exposure) and radiated heat screams for drought tolerant plants. To give these tough ones a good start, amend the soil with 2-4" of compost. Drainage is usually essential for most drought tolerant plants, so add ½" of pumice or gravel.

Alternate plants: *Agastache*, *Arbutus unedo*, *Agave*, *Cistus*, *Hebe* 'Quick Silver', *Hebe* 'James Sterling', *Juniper*, *Lavender*, *Manzanita*, *Opuntia*, *Penstemon*, *Rosemary*.



PLANT LIST

Ceanothus 'Vandenberg'
Erysimum 'Bowles' Mauve'
Fremontodendron c.
Kniphofia 'Bressingham Comet'
Rudbeckia 'Goldstrum'
Yucca 'Golden Sword'

Fill in with Sedums, Narcissus, Artemesia, and/or Helenium.

AFTERNOON SUN WITH ESTABLISHED TREES

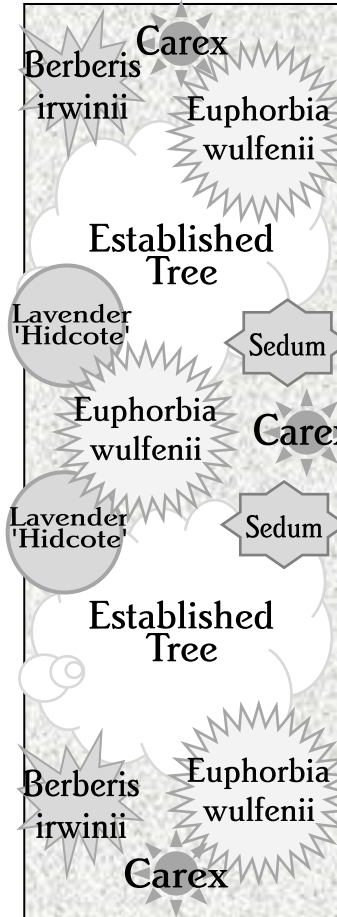
The extreme of all situations: hot sun and intense water competition. Focus on rough and tough plants with shallow roots.

MULCH!- twice a year if you can.

If you can't get into the soil, create planting pockets using wood or rocks, and fill with a blend of 2/3 potting soil and 1/3 compost. Do not cover the root zone of the trees with more than 2" of compost.

Alternative plants: *Cotoneaster sp*, *Daphne cneorum*, *Festuca*, *Helianthus angustifolia*, *Phygelius*, *Rosemary*, *Salvia officinalis*, *Thymus*.

See back of pamphlet for seed suggestions.



PLANT LIST

Berberis irwinii
Carex o. 'Evergold'
Euphorbia wulfenii
Lavendula 'Hidcote' or 'Munstead'
Sedum s. 'Autumn Joy'

Fill in with Sempervivums, Crocus, Narcissus, Lithodora, and/or Kinnickinick.