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Promoting Native Plants since 2003*

## **Septic and Sand Mounds**

Many native plants are deep rooted. Generally, one needs to avoid deep rooted plants on and around septic fields and sand mounds. Plants should also not be 'moisture seekers'. The following list of shallow rooted plants adapted to dry sites may be appropriate for planting near or on your septic or sand mound.

### **PERENNIALS**

Beards Tongue	Penstemon species
Bigleaf Aster	Aster macrophyllus*
Sedges	Carex species*
Butterfly Weed	Asclepias tuberosa
Goat's beard	Aruncus dioicus
Heath aster	Aster ericodes
Narrow leaf coneflower	Echinacea angustifolium
Nodding onion	Allium cernuum
Oxeye daisy	Heliopsis helianthoides
Pale purple coneflower	Echinacea angustifolia
Pussy Toes	Antennaria sp.
Rattlesnake Master	Eryngium yuccifolium
Rough Blazing Star	Liatris aspera
Violets	Viola spp.*
Wild Bergamot	Monarda fistulosa
Wild Geranium	Geranium maculatum*
Wild Ramps/ leek	Allium tricoccum
Bleeding heart	Dicentra eximia
Strawberry	Fragaria virginica

*\*Ok to plant in shade.*

### **GRASSES**

Sideoats Grama	Bouteloua curtipendula
Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium
Prairie Dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis
June Grass	Koeleria macrantha

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## TREES AND SHRUBS

Avoid planting trees and shrubs in septic areas

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### TIPS FOR PLANTING NEAR SEPTIC FEATURES

Mulch or plant close together so soil will not be exposed or erode. Keep foot traffic on the area to a minimum. Do not fertilize or water.

Consult the following publications and/or your septic professional for more information before proceeding. This plant list is a suggestion only.

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/henv/henv-15-w.pdf>  
[https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/426/426-617/426-617\\_pdf.pdf](https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/426/426-617/426-617_pdf.pdf)

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### Seven Reasons to Buy Native Plants at Edge of the Woods

- All plants are nursery propagated. We do not deplete natural populations by collecting from the wild.
- Our staff is highly educated and knowledgeable. We know native plants and their life cycles. We've worked with them in gardens and landscapes for many years. The nursery has accurate and informative signage and literature to help you learn about native plants.
- We focus on the roots of the plant. Leaves come and go. Strong roots are needed for good establishment.
- We offer genetically diverse crops, and local genotypes whenever possible.
- We do not use artificial growth hormones.
- We use a minimal amount of pesticides. Our plants may have leaves that have been eaten --this means they are doing their job in the ecosystem