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GROUND COVERS

All Ground Covers carry our Two Year Guarantee, except when planted in containers. This guarantee is extended to three years when plant material is installed by Humber Nurseries Ltd.

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PL 912

Effective March 1, 2018

Key to Symbols

- ☉ Requires full sun
- ☾ Tolerates partial or light shade
- Tolerates full shade
- () Optimum height or spread
- 🌿 Native plant
- # Product code

Goutweed ☉ ● **#P639**

Aegopodium podagraria 'Variegatum' (45 cm) Zone 3
 Plant 30 cm apart. Creeper with green-silver variegated leaves, excellent for shade. Sometimes called Ground Elder or Bishop's Weed.

- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99
- 4" pot 4.50

Bugle Flower ☉ ● **#P1415**

Ajuga reptans (in variety) (15-30 cm) Zone 4
 Plant 30 cm apart. 6" blue flower spikes appear in May above rapid spreading foliage. Leaf colours available are purple, pink or white-green variegation.

- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99
- 4" pot 4.99

Bearberry ☉ ● **#P724**

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
 (15 cm) Zone 4
 Plant 30-45 cm apart. Bright, glossy green leaves with pink flowers in spring and bright red berries in fall and winter. Prefers dry sandy soils. Foliage and fruit are edible.

- 4" pot 6.99

Also available:

- Massachusetts**
 Flat growing habit, edible red berries, small leaves
 1 gal 19.99

Snow-in-Summer ☉ **#P2398**

Cerastium tomentosum 'Silver Carpet'
 (15-30 cm) Zone 4
 Dense frosty silver-white foliage. Spreads 75 cm or more. White flowers in early summer.

- 4" pot 4.50
- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99

Bunch Berry ☉ ● **#P1161**

Cornus canadensis (15 cm) Zone 3
 Plant 30 cm apart. Native. White flowers in spring followed by edible red berries. Fall/winter foliage turns purple. Semi-evergreen.

- 4" pot 6.99
- 1 gal 19.99

Lily of the Valley ☉ ● **#P1675**

Convallaria majalis Zone 3-7
 (15-30 cm) Plant 30 cm apart. Good for massing in sun or shade. Fragrant white flowers. Ideal for cutting in May-June.

- 4" pot 4.99
- Pack (6 plants) 12.99
- 1 gal 10.99

Crown Vetch ☉ ● **#P777**

Coronilla varia Zone 4
 Masses of light pink to dark pink flower clusters. Dark green fern-like leaves. Very aggressive spreading plant for most garden situations. Useful for very sunny locations. Blooms from June to September. Plant in full sun.

- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99

Bearberry Cotoneaster ☉ ● **#COTDA**

Cotoneaster dammeri (15 cm) Zone 4
 Spreading evergreen shrub with pink/white flowers in spring and bright red berries in winter.

- 1 gal 16.99

Purple Winter Creeper ☉ ● **#P388**

Euonymus fortunei 'Coloratus' (30 cm) Zone 4
 Plant 60 cm apart. Green leaves turning red in fall. An excellent ground cover for mass plantings, climbs as well.

- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99
- 4" pot 4.99
- 1 gal 14.99

Wintergreen ☉ ● **#P886**

Gaultheria procumbens (10 cm) Zone 4
 Plant 45 cm apart. Native ground cover with aromatic foliage and edible red fruit. Needs acidic soil.

- 4" pot 6.99
- 1 gal 19.99

Sweet Woodruff ● **#P1819**

Galium odoratum (10 cm) Zone 3
 (30 cm) Plant 30 cm apart. Shiny green leaves and small white flowers. Best in moist slightly acidic soil.

- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99
- 4" pot 4.50

For plant insurance use
Nutrite Bonemeal 4-10-0

- Slow release, non-burning formula
- Ideal for transplanting all types of plants
- Encourages root development and healthy growth
- Enriched with calcium



English Ivy ☉ ● **#P3669**

Hedera helix 'Baltica' Zone 3
 Plant 30-45 cm apart. Hardy semi-evergreen vine or ground cover, excellent in shade.



- 4" pot 4.99
- Jumbo pack (6 plants) 9.99
- 6 packs (flat of 36) 59.90
- 1 gal (unstaked) 14.99
- 1 gal (staked) 19.99

Lamium (Dead Nettle) ☉ ● **#P794**

Lamium maculatum 'Red & White Nancy' (15 cm) Zone 3
 Spacing 30-45 cm. Pure white or red flowers from May to July with a repeat in fall. A vigorous groundcover with silver foliage. Stunning in shade or partial shade.

- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99
- 4" pot 4.99

Yellow Archangel ☉ ● **#P1787**

Lamiastrum galeobdolon (15 cm) Zone 4
 Plant 45 cm apart. Yellow flowers and leaves marked with silver, spreads quickly.

- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99
- 4" pot 4.99

Black Brass Buttons ☉ **#P5980**

Leptinella x 'Platt's Black' Zone 5-9
 Spacing 45 cm. Low carpet, excellent for planting in flagstone pathways, flowers are green and insignificant.

- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99
- 4" pot 4.50

Creeping Jenny ☉ ● **#P1155**

Lysimachia nummularia Gold & Green Zone 4
 Spacing 45-60 cm. Bright yellow flowers from June to August. One of the best groundcovers for damp clay soil. Roots where it touches.

- 4" pot 4.50
- Jumbo pack (6 plants) 9.99
- 6 packs (flat of 36) 59.90

Mazus ☉ ● **#P1862**

Mazus reptans Zone 5
 Spacing 30 cm. Low growing spreading groundcover or rock garden plant. Pink-mauve flowers in May and June. Tolerates wet soil. Forms a dense carpet. Thrives in sun or shade.

- Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
- Flat (48 plants) 69.99
- 4" pot 4.99



Japanese Spurge ●● #P1346

Pachysandra terminalis (20 cm) Zone 3
Plant 15-30 cm apart. Ideal evergreen ground cover underneath trees. Forms a solid permanent mat in which weeds have little chance to grow.

Jumbo pack (6 plants) 9.99
6 packs (flat of 36) 59.90
4" pot 4.50
Grower flat (100 plants) 69.99

Canby's Pachistima ●● #P1061

Pachistima canbyi (30 cm) Zone 2
Rich dark green foliage all year. Good for rock garden or as a ground cover. Native.

1 gal 19.99

Creeping Potentilla ●● #P1473

Potentilla reptans pleniiflora (15 cm) Zone 3
Bright yellow fully double flowers from June to Sept. A spreading plant that forms a dense groundcover. Thrives in any soil.

Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
Flat (48 plants) 69.99
4" pot 4.50

Irish ●● #P2270/#P2269

Scotch Moss *Sagina subulata* (5 cm) Zone 4
Plant 15-30 cm apart. Bright green mossy foliage and tiny white flowers. Also available with golden foliage.

Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
Flat (48 plants) 69.99
4" pot 4.50

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SEDUM**Golden Carpet Sedum** ●● #P960

Sedum acre (10 cm) Zone 3
Spacing 30-45 cm. Masses of shiny bright gold starry flowers from June to August. Spreading bright green mat-forming foliage. Will tolerate dry soil.

4" pot 4.99
Black pack (4 plants) 6.99
Flat (48 plants) 69.99

Dragon's Blood Sedum ●● #P1000

Sedum spurium 'Dragon's Blood' (10 cm) Zone 2
Plant 30 cm apart in dry soil. Superb red foliage and flowers.

Russian Sedum ●● #P978

Sedum kamschaticum variegatum (30 cm) Zone 3
Spacing 30 cm. Starry orange-yellow flowers in June and July. Succulent green and white foliage. Good as an edging plant or for rock gardens.

Fulda Glow Sedum ●● #P6030

Sedum spurium 'Fuldaglut' (20-25 cm) Zone 3
Attractive bronze-red foliage that keeps its colour all season long. Rose-red flowers appear on short stalks above the foliage in late summer. Low, spreading plant that forms a solid mat of foliage which is excellent as a groundcover in sunny, dry areas. Plant in rich, well-drained soil.

Above 3 varieties:

Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
Flat (48 plants) 69.99
4" pot 4.99
1 gal 10.99

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**Thyme**

Creeping thymes provide fragrance underfoot. Cracks and crevices provide ideal growing conditions for thyme. They soften a stone walk. You can also tuck thyme into stone walls and in rock gardens.

Humber has many varieties available. Specially grown in 'plug' form, for easy planting

Blue pack (4 plants) 6.99
Flat (48 plants) 69.99

Woolly Thyme

Thymus pseudolanuginosus. Zone 3
Spacing 30 cm. Remarkable for its dense carpeting habit and densely grey-haired leaves. This evergreen species is decorated with pale pink flowers sporadically throughout the summer. Tolerant of moderate foot traffic.

4" pot 4.99

Periwinkle (Myrtle) ●● #P1529

Vinca minor 'Bowles' (25 cm) Zone 4
Plant 30 cm apart. Blue flowers June to September.

Jumbo pack (6 plants) 9.99
6 packs (flat of 36) 59.90
4" pot 4.99
Grower flat (50 plants) 69.99
1 gal 12.99

CHOOSING GROUNDCOVERS

It is not enough to simply choose a plant because it is attractive; it should be suitable for the place you want to plant it. There are hundreds of possibilities. The variety of size, colour and texture is tremendous. Some of the most popular groundcovers (Japanese Spurge, Periwinkle, Ivy, etc.) do well in either sun or shade. If you are going to be more adventurous in your choice, be sure it is appropriate to the site.

SPACING OF GROUNDCOVERS

No hard and fast rule can be laid down, but recommended spacing is provided with the plant descriptions. When planting close to your home entrance, you may wish to spend a little more and plant closely. Elsewhere in the garden you can allow plants time to spread and fill in. Most gardeners opt for a staggered pattern when planting. As the plants grow they will fill in nicely against each other without leaving spaces. When used on banks for erosion control, this staggered arrangement has the advantage of not allowing water to run off in a straight line.

GROUNDCOVER ROSES

An entire group of roses are classified as Groundcover Roses; they are low-growing, spreading types available in many colours and all with excellent disease-resistant foliage. For more information, see our Rose Price List (PL906).

THE PROBLEM OF WEEDS

In preparing the planting area, all perennial weeds should be removed either physically or by using a non-selective herbicide such as Wipeout. Until your groundcover plants have filled in, be conscientious in eradicating weed seedlings. This task can be made easier by mulching.

MULCHING

A good mulch will be highly beneficial to a new groundcover planting. A few inches of mulch will help prevent weeds and make it easier to pull them out when they do appear.

Organic mulches such as bark nuggets or shredded bark improve the soil and add nutrients as they decompose. They conserve moisture and evenly control the soil temperature both in summer to winter.

MAINTENANCE

Groundcovers do not require as much maintenance as a lawn, but it is a mistake to believe that they need no care whatsoever. Mowing with the lawnmower blades at their highest setting or using a nylon line trimmer will rejuvenate plantings.

The best time for trimming is early spring before new growth starts. A planting of evergreen Japanese Spurge will be greatly improved by this shearing.

The methods and timing of cleaning up groundcovers will depend on the variety. The dying foliage of a Hosta is usually removed in late fall, while spring flowering Ground Phlox would not be trimmed until flowering is over.

PLANT HARDINESS ZONES

These are only general indicators of historical climatic conditions and are not reliable forecasters of future conditions. Other factors which may influence plant survival include shelter, snow cover, micro-climate and drainage.

Toronto and Brampton lie within Zone 6 and downtown Toronto can be considered the milder half of that zone.