

How to Make a Planting Plan



If you are installing a rain garden, conservation landscape or green roof, you must submit a **Planting Plan** and **Plant List** after your on-site visit. A landscape designer can do this for you. If you are doing the project yourself, the diagrams below show two different ways to draw the same garden.

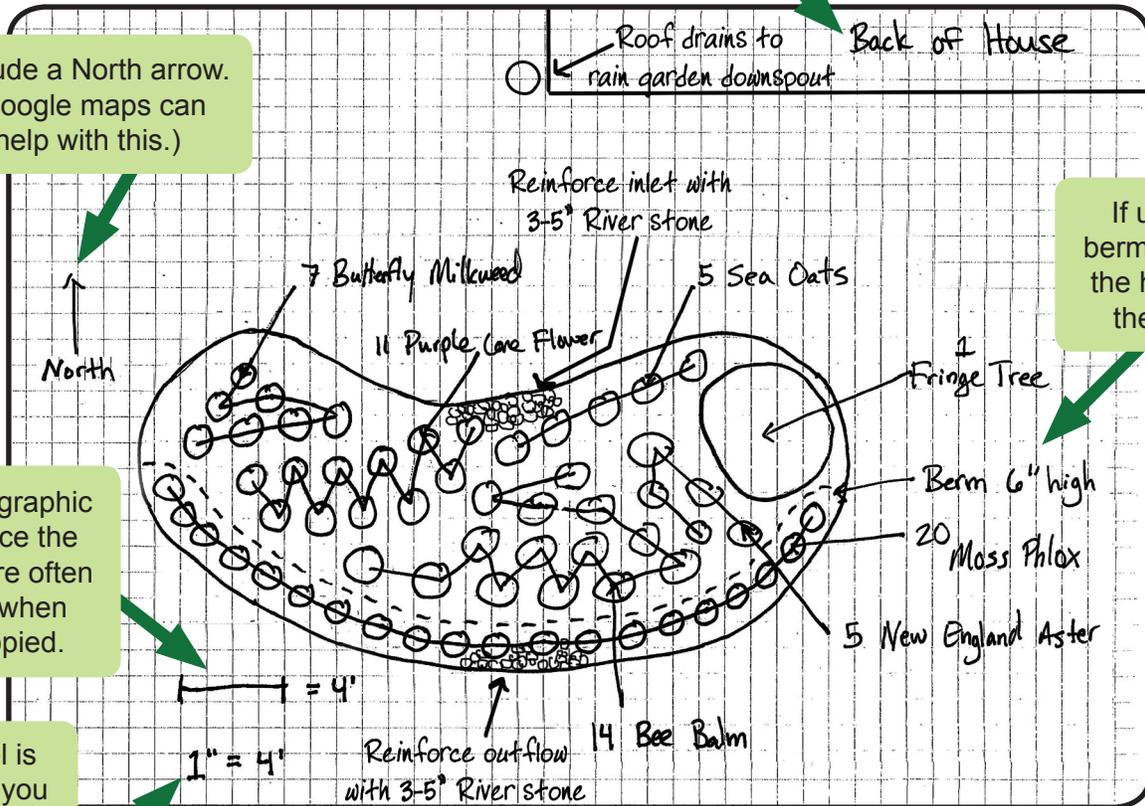
If possible, show garden in relation to a structure, and indicate the distance from the structure. Garden must be a minimum of 10' away from all buildings.

Include a North arrow.
(Google maps can help with this.)

If using a berm, include the height of the berm

Include a graphic scale since the designs are often resized when photocopied.

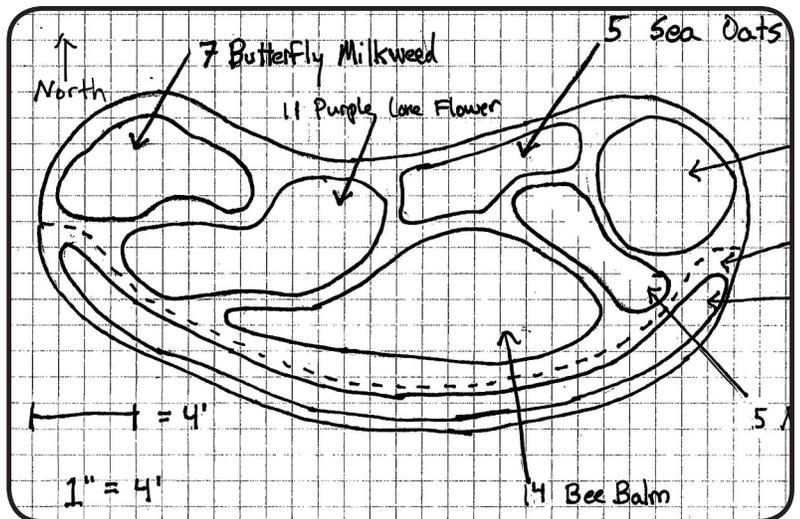
This label is good, but you must also include a graphic scale as shown above.



One method is to draw the individual plants and then connect them with a line. (Example above.)

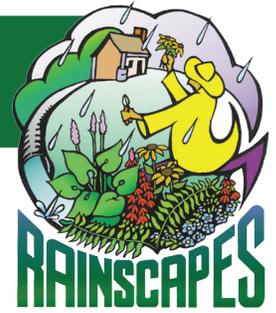
Another method is to draw a shape that shows a grouping of the same species of plants. Be sure to indicate how many plants are in each grouping. (Example right.)

Using graph paper is not required but can be helpful.



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How to Write a Plant List



When you submit a planting plan, it must be accompanied by a **plant list**. See the example below.

Common name is helpful.

Scientific name is required. If you don't know it, ask us.

Quantity is required so we can determine plant cover.

Pot size is required.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Quantity	Spacing	Pot Size
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	14	3' o.c.	Quart
Butterfly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	7	18" o.c.	Quart
Fringe Tree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	1	N/A	15 Gallon
Moss Phlox 'Blue Emerald'	<i>Phlox subulata</i>	20	18" o.c.	Quart
New England Aster	<i>Aster nova-angliae</i>	5	2' o.c.	1 Gallon
Purple Cone Flower 'Kims Knee High'	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	11	18" o.c.	1 Gallon
Sea Oats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	5	2' o.c.	Seed

If using a specific variety, please include the name so we can determine the plant's height and spread.

- Perennials are usually planted 12" - 18" o.c.
- Shrubs are usually planted 3' - 4' o.c.

o.c.(on center) is the distance from the center of one plant to the center of the next, which depends on the mature width of the plants.

Seed is not allowed



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