

GENERAL PLANTING GUIDE

1. Choose plants suitable for your location.
2. Dig the hole 2-3 times the width of the container or root ball.
3. Set the plant on undisturbed soil so top is 1"-2" higher than the surrounding grade. (see Figure 1)
4. If the plant is root bound, cut vertical slices through the circling roots.
5. **Do not** add compost, manure or other amendments. (If soil is very poor, up to 25% may be added.)
6. Backfill ½ with native soil. Tamp lightly or flood with water then drain. (see Figure 2)
7. Complete filling hole. Tamp lightly. Leave a slight depression around the plant or build a shallow water ring around it.
8. Mulch with 2"-3" shredded bark mulch. Leave 2"-6" bare around stem. (see Figure 3)
9. Watering regularly (about once a week) and deeply (run hose at a slow trickle), keeping soil moist but not soggy is **the greatest key to success**.
10. Do not fertilize the first year.

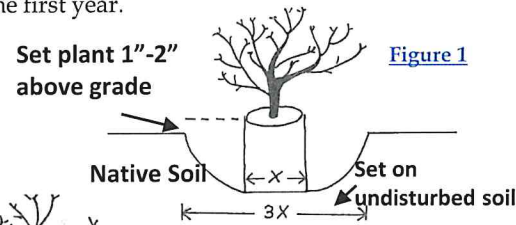


Figure 1

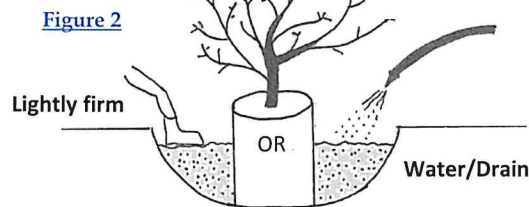


Figure 2

Backfill ½ with native soil

Mulch
2-3" of bark mulch

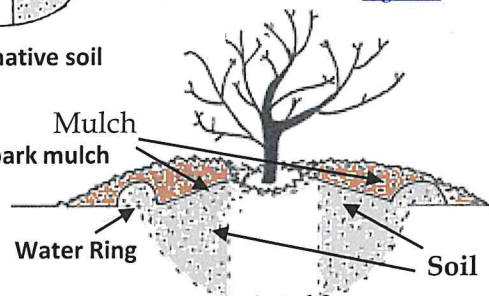


Figure 3

READ MORE ABOUT PLANTING:

The Buffer Handbook Plant List; pp 5-7.

www.maine.gov/dep/land/watershed/buffer-plant-list.pdf

www.arboday.org/trees/planting

www.westonnurseries.com/planting-guideline

READ MORE

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<https://extension.unh.edu/resouce/landscaping-waters-edge-book>.

7. For plant lists for special conditions e.g. dry sun, try <https://extension.umaine.edu/gardening/manual/plants>
Choose: Plants for the Maine Landscape.

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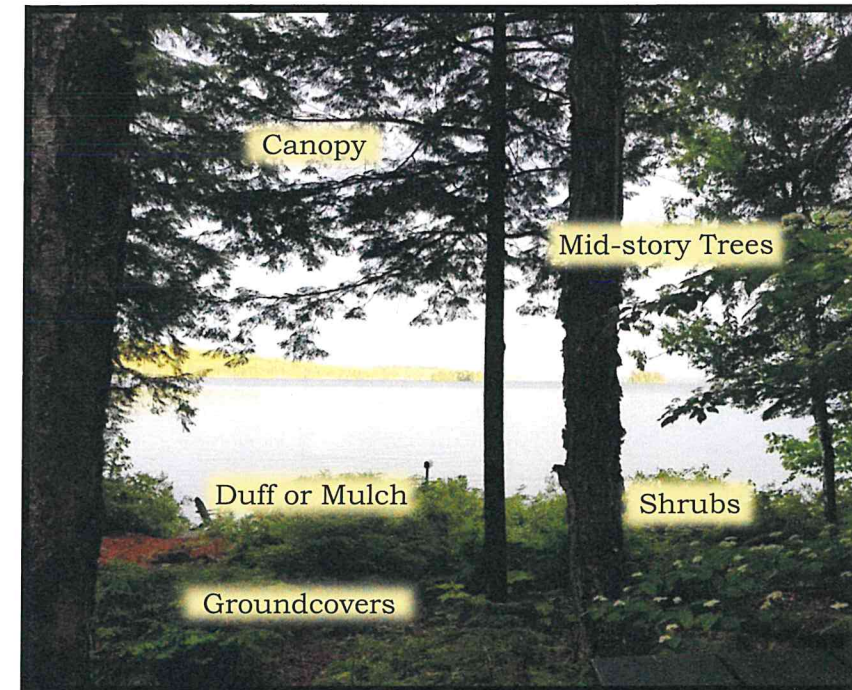
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Protect Your Pond



Best Native Buffer Plants

- Hardy, beautiful plants
- Widely available
- Tolerate a range of soils and sun conditions
- Rapid growing, many with spreading root systems
- Some are wildlife friendly



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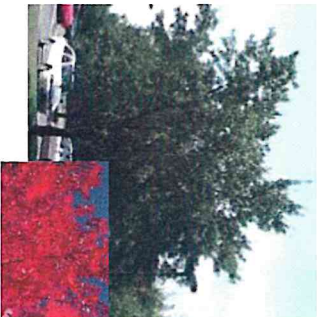
Hardy Plants for the Lake Shore

Northern Red Oak



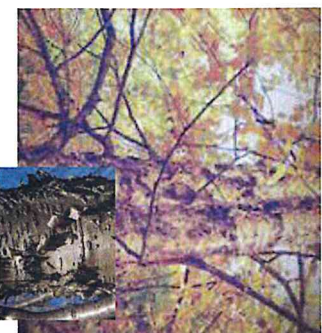
☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Quercus rubra*

Red Maple



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Yellow Birch



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Betula alleghaniensis*

Balsam Fir



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Abies balsamea*

Canopy

Shadbush



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Anelanchier canadensis*

Striped Maple



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Acer pensylvanicum*

Pussy Willow



☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Salix discolor*

Common Witchhazel



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ *Hamamelis virginiana*

Small Trees

Highbush Blueberry



☀️ ☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Vaccinium corymbosum*

Redosier Dogwood



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Cornus sericea*

Common Winterberry



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Ilex verticillata*

Buttontubush



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ *Cephalanthus occidentalis*

Shrubs

Black Chokeberry



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ 🌧️ *Aronia melanocarpa*

Bog Rosemary



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ *Andromeda polifolia*

Summersweet



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ *Clethra alnifolia*

Junipers*,**



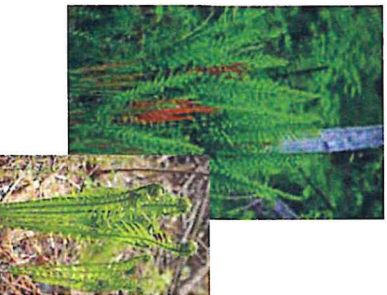
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Bunchberry



☀️ 🌧️ *Cornus canadensis*

Ferns***



Lowbush Blueberry



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ *Vaccinium angustifolium*

Bearberry



☀️ ☀️ 🌧️ *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*

Ground Cover

J. communis selections: compressa, Coriellagan, effuse, green carpet, repanda, "AmiDak" (blueberry delight), copper delight
 **J. horizontalis: Bar Harbor, mother lode, blue rug, lime glow, Andorra, blue chip, blue prince, hughes, Prince of Wales, 'Icee blue'
 ***Christmas, cinnamon, havscanted, interrupted, lady, lone beech, maidenhair, maritima wood, ostrich, roval, sensitive, spinulose wood