

Ground Covers

Ground Covers are any woody or herbaceous perennial plant that spreads to cover an area. They are usually low maintenance. Often they are used to stabilize slopes thereby controlling erosion to areas with poor growing conditions.

Steps for Successful Planting:

Best planting time is in the spring, allowing plants to have a long growing season. Arrange new plants in a staggered rows. Mulch new plants to control weed growth and to retain soil moisture. Water regularly when first planted using slow drip system. Especially where water tends to run off at high rates. Fertilize lightly after first year with appropriate fertilizer.

How to figure out the number of plants you will need:

Choose the required spacing of the plants on the left side of the chart. Divide the number of square feet in your planting area with the numbers on the right side of the chart.

Space	Denominator	Space	Denominator
4"	0.11	15"	1.56
5"	0.25	18"	2.25
8"	0.44	24"	4.00
10"	0.70	36"	9.00
12"	1.00	48"	16.00