



# GROUNDCOVERS, FERNS AND VINES FACT SHEET 2023 KCD Native Plant Sale

## **GROUNDCOVERS, FERNS AND VINES**

Native groundcovers, ferns and vines are ideal as understory plants or for use in your landscape. The groundcovers, ferns and vines from the KCD Native Plant Sale are in 4" pots or plugs. You don't need to plant them right away, but you must keep them from drying out until planting. You can find the preferred soil and light conditions for each species on our plant sale page at <https://kitsapcd.org/plant-sale>.



Sword Fern  
Jenny Morgan

## **PLANTING**

Clear the planting area of weeds. Dig a planting hole that is as deep as the pot and twice as wide. Roughen its sides. Remove the plant from the pot and loosen its roots, especially the lower ends. Place the plant into the hole. Make sure the roots are pointing downward and the crown of the plant is level with the surrounding soil. Fill the hole with native soil, lightly compacting the soil around the plant roots as you go. Water thoroughly and cover the surface with approximately 2" to 3" of mulch (such as shredded wood chips) being careful not to cover the stem of the plant.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Keep the area around your newly planted groundcovers and ferns free of weeds. Water about once a week during the first one to two summers, and after that as needed. Watering frequency will depend on the weather.



Pink Honeysuckle  
Ben Legler



Deer Fern  
Jenny Morgan



Coastal Strawberry  
John Rusk