

# Hull Loving Plants!

## Hull Garden Club

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Gardening in Hull presents some unique challenges. We have a lot of wind which is very hard on plants in general. Wind is very drying, sometimes more so than heat and drought. Here in Hull, being surrounded by water, our wind can come from all directions and it is salt laden. We need to find plants that will tolerate these adverse conditions. Most gardeners know that the act of gardening is not an exact science. What works in one yard will fail in another. Successful gardening takes basic principles, love, nurturing, trial and error and a good bit of luck.

Basic principles include enriching the soil with organic matter (compost), watering deeply and only as needed, mulching to preserve moisture, and using as few (if any) chemicals and pesticides as possible. There are so many organic alternatives to choose from and they really do work! Chemical fertilizers make plants grow, but destroy the healthy microbes in the soil. This leaves you with weak soil and plants more susceptible to pests. Many people then just use more chemicals and the cycle goes on. Build up your soil, and use organic fertilizers and organic pesticides when you must, and your garden as well as the Earth, ocean, bay and watershed will thank you!

After consulting fellow Garden Club members and the many sources found in print, we have compiled a list of trees, shrubs and perennials that just might work for you. There are many more to choose from. Good luck and Happy gardening!

### Trees

Beach Plum  
Kousa Dogwood  
Red Maple  
Shagbark Hickory  
Ginkgo-Maidenhair Tree  
Horse Chestnut  
Rose of Sharon

### Evergreens

Jack Pine  
American Holly  
Dwarf Inkberry  
Blue Princess Holly  
Blue Cloud Juniper  
Japanese Holly  
Eastern Red Cedar

### Shrubs

Hydrangea (Blue Wave)  
High Bush Blueberry  
Spiraea  
Bayberry  
Winterberry  
Butterfly Bush  
Weigela

### Perennials (Plants with gray, silver or blue foliage seem to do very well)

Sea Thrift  
Joe Pye Weed  
Montauk Daisy  
Sedums  
Daylilies (Stella De Oro)  
Hosta  
Yarrow

Bee Balm  
Artemisia (Silver Mound)  
Shasta Daisy  
Catmint (not Catnip)  
Lavender  
Cranesbill Geranium  
Lady's Mantel

New England Astor  
Basket of Gold  
Garden Phlox (Eventide)  
Cardinal Flower  
Russian Sage  
Ornamental Grasses  
Globe Thistle