



# Rice's Picks

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# Low Maintenance Foundation Shrubs

## Birds Nest Spruce

*Picea abies* 'nidiformis'

<b>Height</b>	2'
<b>Spread</b>	3'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow
<b>Form</b>	Low, Spreading
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun
<b>Persistence</b>	Evergreen

## Mugho Pine

*Pinus mugho*

<b>Height</b>	5'
<b>Spread</b>	6'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow to Med
<b>Form</b>	Rounded
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun
<b>Persistence</b>	Evergreen

## Dwarf Alberta Spruce

*Picea pungens* 'conica'

<b>Height</b>	7'
<b>Spread</b>	3'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow
<b>Form</b>	Pyramidal
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun
<b>Persistence</b>	Evergreen

## Mr. Bowling Ball

*Thuja occidentalis* 'Mr. Bowling Ball'

<b>Height</b>	2.5'
<b>Spread</b>	2.5'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow to Med
<b>Form</b>	Rounded
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun
<b>Persistence</b>	Evergreen

## Pieris

*Pieris japonica*

<b>Height</b>	5'
<b>Spread</b>	4'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow to Med
<b>Form</b>	Round
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun to part shade
<b>Persistence</b>	Evergreen

## Leucothoe

*Leucothoe axillaris*

<b>Height</b>	2'
<b>Spread</b>	3'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Medium
<b>Form</b>	Low spreading
<b>Exposure</b>	Part shade to shade
<b>Persistence</b>	Evergreen

## Blue Star Juniper

*Juniperus squamata* 'Blue Star'

<b>Height</b>	2'
<b>Spread</b>	4'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow to Med
<b>Form</b>	Round
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun
<b>Persistence</b>	Evergreen

## Compact Japanese Holly

*Ilex crenata*

<b>Height</b>	3'
<b>Spread</b>	3'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Medium
<b>Form</b>	Round
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun to part shade
<b>Persistence</b>	Evergreen

# Low Maintenance Foundation Shrubs Continued...

## Dwarf Lilac

*Syringa palibin meyeri*

<b>Height</b>	4'
<b>Spread</b>	5'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Medium
<b>Form</b>	Round
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun to part shade
<b>Persistence</b>	Deciduous
<b>Flower</b>	Pink to Light Purple

## Crimson Pygmy Barberry

*Berberis thunbergii*

<b>Height</b>	2'
<b>Spread</b>	3'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow to Med
<b>Form</b>	Round
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun
<b>Persistence</b>	Deciduous
<b>Leaf Color</b>	Red

## Fothergilla

*Fothergilla gardenii*

<b>Height</b>	2'
<b>Spread</b>	2'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow to Med
<b>Form</b>	Round
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun to part shade
<b>Persistence</b>	Deciduous
<b>Flower</b>	White

## Clethra 'Hummingbird'

*Clethra alnifolia* 'Hummingbird'

<b>Height</b>	3'
<b>Spread</b>	3'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow to Med
<b>Form</b>	Rounded
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun to part shade
<b>Persistence</b>	Deciduous
<b>Flower</b>	Pink

## Grow Low Sumac

*Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Low'

<b>Height</b>	2.5'
<b>Spread</b>	6'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Medium
<b>Form</b>	Low, Spreading
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun
<b>Persistence</b>	Deciduous
<b>Fall Color</b>	Red

## Dwarf Burning Bush

*Euonymus alata* 'Compacta'

<b>Height</b>	6'
<b>Spread</b>	6'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Slow to Med
<b>Form</b>	Oval
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun
<b>Persistence</b>	Deciduous
<b>Fall Color</b>	Red

## Snowflake Viburnum

*Viburnum p. tomentosum* 'Snowflake'

<b>Height</b>	5'
<b>Spread</b>	5'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Medium
<b>Form</b>	Round
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun to part shade
<b>Persistence</b>	Deciduous
<b>Flower</b>	Long bloom / White

## Watanabei Viburnum

*Viburnum P. tomentosum* 'Watanabei'

<b>Height</b>	4'
<b>Spread</b>	4'
<b>Growth rate</b>	Medium
<b>Form</b>	Round
<b>Exposure</b>	Full sun to part shade
<b>Persistence</b>	Deciduous
<b>Flower</b>	Long bloom / White