



LORETTA PEDERSEN

Ecology, botany, botanical gardens, and native plants

OVERVIEW

My botanical expertise is in native and horticultural plants, greenhouse cultivation, site-appropriate plant selection & installation, garden maintenance, arboretum & herbarium curation, seed germination testing, and ecological restoration. Please see <https://ogmaediting.com> for the details of my professional experience.

SERVICES & PRICING

I charge \$30/hr for local Columbia County garden work. I provide the following services:

- Basic garden and landscape maintenance tasks, such as pruning shrubs, mulching, deadheading, planting, thinning of perennials, etc. I prefer to work with traditional manual garden tools, so property owners must provide any gas-powered, electric, or motorized tools if they want me to use those.
- Organic (non-chemical) fertilizing and pest management (property owners cover the cost of organic fertilizers, mulch, pest control agents, etc.). My gardening approach is rooted in ecological theory and integrated pest management techniques.
- Site-specific plant recommendations (native and horticultural plants), including recommendations of nurseries from which to source the plants. I will also install plants for clients using proper planting and mulching techniques.
- Botanical garden mapping, species/cultivar signage, species/cultivar identification, and botanical records creation and maintenance.
- Native plant garden planning, plantings for slope stabilization, ecological restoration techniques and recommendations, soil sampling, basic soil nutrient and pH testing (or recommendations on more advanced testing services; property owner covers cost of any soil testing kits).

Services I do not provide: lawncare, chainsaw work, sod installation, irrigation system installation, autumn leaf removal (however, I will help compost leaves on site), water feature installation, chemical herbicide/pesticide application, pruning/removal of large trees, and advanced landscape design. If clients need these services, I am happy to help identify an expert who can provide them.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
MS, Phytochemical ecology (2018)
BA, Mandarin Chinese (2009)
Magna cum laude