

DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS

These drought tolerant plants still require care and watering, especially during their first few years. Mature plants can handle a more “hands off” approach but you still need to watch for signs of heat and drought stress. Established plants may be stressed with prolonged drought combined with high temperatures and wind.

Xeriscaping – planning and planting an area that will be a non-irrigation area.

Perennials:

- Agastache
- Amsonia
- Artemisia
- Autumn sage (*Salvia greggii*)
- Balloon flower
- Bearded irises
- Blue flax (*Linum perenne*)
- Blue spirea (*Caryopteris x clandonensis*)
- Broom (*Cystisus* and *Genista*)
- Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Candytuft (*Iberis sempervirens*)
- Catmint (*Nepeta*)
- Creeping phlox
- Creeping thyme; wooly thyme
- Culinary sage (*Salvia officinalis*)
- Daylily (Hemerocallidoideae)
- Dianthus, including Cheddar Pink and others
- Gaillardia
- Gaura
- Gayfeather (*Liatris*)
- Globe thistle (*Echinops*)
- Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*)
- Hens-and-chicks
- Ice plant (*Delosperma*)
- Lambs' ears
- Lavender
- Oregano, including ornamental-flowered varieties
- Ornamental grasses (non-invasive varieties)
- Pine-leaf penstemon (*Penstemon pinifolius*)
- Purpletop verbena (*Verbena bonariensis*)
- Red yucca (*Hesperaloe parviflora*)
- Red-hot poker
- Rock rose (*Cistus*)
- Rosemary
- Salvia
- Sea holly (*Eryngium*)
- Sedum
- Sun rose (*Helianthemum*)
- Thread-leaf coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticillata*)
- Veronica
- Yarrow

Shrubs:

- Barberry (*Berberis thunbergia*)
- Boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens* and *Buxus microphylla*)
- Burning bush
- Chokeberry
- Currants and Gooseberries
- Dwarf Alberta Spruce (*Picea glauca* 'Conica')
- European privet
- Four-winged saltbush
- Juneberry
- Juniper
- Lila
- Mohican Viburnum
- Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)
- Potentilla (*Potentilla fruticosa*)
- Prairie rose
- Purple Smokebush (*Cotinus coggygria*)
- Siberian pea shrub
- Silverberry
- Sumac
- Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

Trees:

- Amur maple
- Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
- Colorado blue spruce
- Crabapple
- Downy hawthorn
- Green ash
- Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- Honey locust
- Limber pine
- Mugo pine
- Northern Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)
- Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)
- Ponderosa pine
- Quaking aspen
- Rocky Mountain juniper
- Russian hawthorn

Herbs:

- Fennel
- Lavender- Perennials and Annuals
- Lemon Balm
- Oregano
- Rosemary
- Sage
- Sweet Margoram
- Thyme

Produce: Drought tolerant vegetables develop deep root systems to counter both heat and low water levels. If you are anticipating drought conditions or not wanting to irrigate in the heat of summer, chose plants that mature faster or can be grown during the cooler months. Radishes, lettuce, kale, spinach, turnips, and any seed that states that it matures within 30-60 days.

- Black Diamond watermelon
- Corn
- Cowpeas, black-eyed peas and field peas
- Edible amaranth
- Heatwave II tomatoes
- Lima beans
- Mustard greens
- Okra
- Pole beans
- Quinoa
- Summer squashes
- Sunflowers

Annuals:

- Angetonia
- Canna Lily
- California Poppy
- Celosia
- Cosmos
- Dahlia
- Dusty Miller
- Marigolds
- Moss Rose
- Nasturtium
- Pentas
- Portulaca
- Salvia
- Sedum
- Sunflowers
- Wax Begonia
- Zinnia

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