

Consider this...

Colorado Springs is in a semi-arid climate that receives, on average, 17" of precipitation each year.

As with much of the country, this figure has swung wildly in recent years, making it important to employ water smart gardening techniques and drought tolerant plants in your landscape.

Selecting hardy, drought tolerant plants that adapt well to our climate saves money on your water bill AND offers a beautiful, low maintenance landscape.

Demonstration Gardens

Drought tolerant landscapes need not look barren. To see a good selection of drought tolerant plants right here in our city... visit the **Colorado Springs Utilities Xeriscape Demonstration Garden** at 2855 Mesa Road, 80904.

There is a smaller collection located just up the road from Phelan's at **Cottonwood Creek Park**: 3920 Dublin Blvd, 80918. And, the **Denver Botanic Gardens** is also a good spot to see many drought tolerant plants up close.



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Drought Tolerant Plants



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Getting Started

Water-Smart Plant Selections

Below is a list of many of the drought tolerant plants we carry. We would be happy to help you discern what will work for you.

NEW PLANTINGS!

Just a note about new plantings... Even though a plant is considered drought tolerant, you WILL have to give it regular water until the roots become established. This will definitely take one year and could take as many as 2-3 seasons. During the growing season, twice a week watering is sufficient for many hardy, drought tolerant plants. But, many people new to Colorado may not realize that **winter watering** is also essential in our climate. We recommend at least once a month watering in winter when temps are at least 40 degrees. This is especially true for evergreen trees and shrubs!

**denotes plants that are also deer resistant*

Annual Flowers (planted in-ground)

Plant Starts: Amaranth, *Cleome, Cosmos, *Dianthus, *Dusty Miller, Gazania, *Lantana, *Marigolds, Moss Rose, Petunia, *Salvia 'Victoria Blue' types, *Snapdragons, *Strawflower, Verberna, *Zinnia

From Seed: Bachelor Button, *Bells of Ireland, *Four O'Clocks, *Statice, *Sunflowers

Trees, Deciduous

Canada Red Cherry (Prunus)
Crabapple varieties (Malus)
Golden Raintree (Koelreutaria)
*Hackberry (Celtis)
* Hawthorns, all types (Crataegus)
* Honeylocust (Gleditsia)

Trees, Evergreen

* Juniper, Upright Types (note: deer will browse Rocky Mountain Juniper, scopulorum varieties)
Pine, Austrian
*Pine, Pinon
Pine, Vanderwolf

Shrubs

*Apache Plume (Fallugia)
*Barberry (Berberis)
*Beauty Bush (Kolkwitzia)
*Blue Mist Spirea (Caryopteris)
*Butterfly Bush, (Buddleia)
Currant (Ribes)
*Fernbush (Chamaebatiaria)
*Grape Holly (Mahonia)
*Juniper
*Lilac (Syringa)
*New Mexican Privet (Forestiera)
*Ninebark, (Physocarpus)
*Potentilla
Quince (Chaenomeles)
*Rabbitbrush (Chrysothamnus)
Shrub Roses (Rosa rugosa)
Siberian Peashrub (Caragana)
*Snowberry (Symporicarpus)
Sumac, Grow Low, Smooth, Staghorn (Rhus)
Western Sandcherry (Prunus besseyi)

Perennial Herbs

*Chives, Regular and Garlic (Allium)
*Oregano (Origanum)
*Sage, Garden types (Salvia)
*Thyme (Thymus)

Perennial Groundcovers

English Ivy (Hedera)
*Baby's Breath, Creeping (Gypsophila)
*Hens & Chicks (Sempervivum)
*Iceplant, Yellow type (Delosperma)
*Kinnikinnick (Arctostaphylos)
*Lamb's Ear (Stachys)
*Partridge Feather (Tanacetum)
*Periwinkle/Vinca vine (Vinca minor)
Phlox, Creeping (Phlox)
Poppy Mallow (Callirhoe)
*Sedum/Stonecrop, short types
*Snow-In-Summer (Cerastium)
*Speedwell, short types (Veronica)
*Sun Rose (Helianthemum)
*Thyme, wooly and creeping

Perennial Flowers

*Artemisia varieties (Artemisia)
Bachelor's Button (Centaurea)
*Basket of Gold (Aurinia)
*Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)
Blanket flower (Gaillardia)
*Butterfly Weed (Asclepias)
*Catmint (Nepeta)
*Coneflower (Echinacea)
*Cushion Spurge (Euphorbia)
Daylily (Hemerocallis)
*Flax (Linum)
*Goldenrod (Solidago)
*Globe Thistle (Echinops)
Himalayan Border Jewel (Persicaria)
Hollyhock (Alcea)
*Hummingbird Mint (Agastache)
Hummingbird Fuchsia (Zauschneria)
*Hyssop, Anise (Agastache foeniculum)
*Iris, Bearded (Iris)
*Oriental Poppy (Papaver)
*Prairie Coneflower/Mexican Hat (Ratibida)
Primrose, Missouri & Evening (Oenothera)
Penstemon varieties (Penstemon)
*Rose Campion (Lychnis)
*Russian Sage (Perovskia)
*Salvia varieties (Salvia)
*Soapwort (Saponaria)
Sedum, Tall types
*Speedwell, Upright types (Veronica)
Sulphur Flower Buckwheat (Eriogonum)
*Sweet William/Pinks (Dianthus)
Twinspur (Diascia)
*Valerian/Jupiter's Beard (Centranthus)
*Yarrow varieties (Achillea)

Perennial Grasses

With the exception of Northern Sea Oats, MOST of the ornamental grasses we offer are drought tolerant. They also hold up well in windy sites, are deer resistant and add winter interest.