

## TIPS FOR THE SELECTION OF WATER SAVING PLANTS

### BEFORE PLANTING:

- Identify soil, exposure and temperature extremes at your planting sites.
- Plan the area for its desired water use category and group plants of similar needs together.
- Discuss your selection with knowledgeable garden centre staff.
- Use a slow-release fertilizer according to your soil type. Do not *over*-fertilize or use high nitrogen fertilizers.

### DURING PLANTING:

- Dig holes twice as wide and deep as the plant's rootball. Check that the subsoil drains well when the hole is filled with water.
- Use soil taken from the plant hole for backfill, adding a mix of organic material such as compost, and/or peatmoss.
- Place the top of the root ball level with the ground surface. Tamp backfill well to minimize further settlement, but do not *compact* the soil.
- Keep the plant well watered until it is established (1-2 years for perennials, trees and shrubs and 1-2 months for annuals), then **reduce watering** to the minimum required by your plant.

### RECOMMENDED READING:

CREATING THE PRAIRIE XERISCAPE (SARA WILLIAMS).

ANNUALS	Water Use Category				
	Ex. Low	VERY LOW	Low	MODERATE	High
AGERATUM			X	X	
AMARANTHUS			X	X	
ANNUAL PHLOX		X	X		
BACHELOR'S BUTTON			X		
BLACK-EYED SUSAN		X			
CALENDULA		X			
CALIFORNIA POPPY	X	X			
CAMPANULA			X	X	
CAPE MARIGOLD			X		
CELOSIA			X	X	
COREOPSIS		X	X		
COSMOS			X		
EVENING PRIMROSE			X	X	
FORGOT-ME-NOT		X			
FOUR O'CLOCK			X	X	
GAILLARDIA			X		
GAZANIA	X				
GERANIUM (PELARGONIUM)			X	X	
GYPHOPHILA			X		
ICELAND POPPY		X	X		
ICE PLANT	X	X			
IMPATIENS				X	X
MARIGOLD			X	X	
NASTURTIUM			X	X	
NICOTIANA			X	X	
PANSY				X	X
PETUNIA		X			
PORTULACA		X	X		
ROCKET CANDYTUFT			X	X	
SALVIA			X	X	
SCARLET RUNNER BEAN			X	X	
SNAP DRAGON				X	X
STATICE			X	X	
SUNFLOWER	X	X			
SWEET ALYSSUM			X	X	
SWEET PEA			X	X	
SWEET WILLIAM			X	X	
THUNBERGIA			X	X	
WAX BEGONIA				X	X

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# WATER WISE PLANTS

## FOR THIS AREA

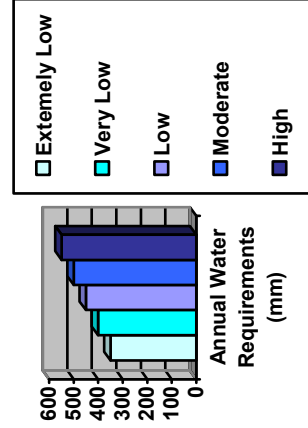


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TREES	Water Use Category				
	Ex. Low	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High
AMUR MAPLE				X	
AUSTRIAN PINE			X		
BIRD CHERRY			X		
COCKSPUR HAWTHORN			X		
COLORADO SPRUCE			X		
COMMON HACKBERRY				X	
EASTERN RED CEDAR		X			
FLOWERING CRABAPPLE			X		
GINGKO				X	
GREEN ASH				X	
HONEY LOCUST				X	
INTERIOR DOUGLAS FIR		X			
LODGEPOLE PINE		X			
MOUNTAIN ASH				X	
PAPER BIRCH				X	
PONDEROSA PINE	X				
RED MAPLE				X	
RUSSIAN OLIVE	X				
ROBINIA				X	
ROCKY MTN. JUNIPER	X				
SHUBERT CHOKEBERRY			X		
STAGHORN SUMAC			X		
TREMBLING ASPEN				X	
WESTERN LARCH			X		
WESTERN REDBUD			X		



The lists in this brochure are to be used as a guide only. Plant water use can vary with soil conditions, exposure to sun, and other factors. There are also other low water usage plants not listed here.

SHRUBS	Water Use Category				
	Ex. Low	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High
ALPINE CURRANT			X		
AUSTRIAN COPPER ROSE			X		
BIG-BASIN SAGEBRUSH	X				
BIRCH-LEAVED SPIRAEA		X			
CORALBERRY		X			
EUROPEAN PRIVET		X			
GENISTA			X		
JUNIPER		X			
LILAC		X		X	
MOCK ORANGE			X		
MUGHO PINE			X		
NINEBARK				X	
NORTHERN BAYBERRY		X			
OREGON GRAPE		X			
POTENTILLA			X		
RED CHOKEBERRY				X	
RED-TWIG DOGWOOD				X	
ROSE ACACIA		X			
RUGOSA ROSE		X			
SAND CHERRY		X			
SASKATOON		X		X	
SEA BUCKTHORN	X				
SILVERBERRY		X			
SMOKEBUSH				X	X
SMOOTH SUMAC	X				
SNOWBERRY		X		X	
WAYFARING TREE		X			
WINGED BURNING BUSH					X
WOOD'S ROSE		X			

VINES & GROUND COVERS	Water Use Category				
	Ex. Low	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High
BEARBERRY		X			
CREeping LILY TURF				X	X
HORIZONTAL JUNIPER				X	
HALL'S HONEYSUCKLE				X	
SILVER MOUND ARTEMESIA		X			
SILVER LACE VINE	X				
SNOW-IN-SUMMER		X			
SPRING CINQUEFOIL			X		
WOOLY THYME			X		

PERENNIALS	Water Use Category				
	Ex. Low	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High
AVENS			X		
AZURE SAGE			X		
BLOOD-RED CRANESBILL			X		
BUTTERFLY WEED		X			
CONEFLOWER	X				
CUSHION SPURGE	X				
DAYLILY		X			
GAYFEATHER		X			
GROUND PINK			X		
HOLLYHOCK MALLOW					X
LAVENDER			X		
LUPINE		X			
MALTESE CROSS			X		
MARGUERITE			X		
MOUNTAIN BLUET		X			
NOBLE GOLDENROD		X			
PASQUE FLOWER			X		
PERENNIAL FLAX		X			
PENSTEMON		X			
PURPLE CONEFLOWER		X			
RED-HOT POKER			X		
SUNDROP		X			
TARTARIAN ASTER				X	
THRIFT		X			
WILD BERGAMOT			X		
YARROW			X		
YUCCA	X				

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES	Water Use Category				
	Ex. Low	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High
BLUE FESCUE	X				
BULBOUS OAT GRASS			X		X
MAIDEN GRASS			X		X
MOSQUITO GRASS	X				
RIBBON GRASS		X			
SAND LOVE GRASS		X			
ZEBRA GRASS			X		X



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