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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**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)**


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

**Trees, Deciduous**

- Canada Red Cherry (Prunus)
- Crabapple varieties (Malus)
- Golden Raintree (Koelreuteria)
- 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

**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 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.