



# Architectural Review Committee

## Drought & Freeze Tolerant Plant List

Because of the recent drought conditions and the increase in water rates, many homeowners have been looking for information about how they can reduce water consumption and still maintain healthy-looking, esthetically pleasing landscapes. There are a number of ways to accomplish these goals — plant selection, watering techniques and correctly applying the right kind of bark. The following pages discuss these techniques.

### Plant Selection

Our climate is referred to as Mediterranean. There are a few of these throughout the world — Australia, Chile, South Africa, California and, of course, around the Mediterranean Basin. The Mediterranean Climate is characterized by hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. There are a number of plant types which are particularly suited for this climate and these are included on the plant lists on pages 2 through 5. Our low-water, freeze-tolerant plant selection includes plants from regions having this Mediterranean climate.

Another factor to consider is the freeze tolerance of plants. Here in Lincoln, record temperatures have been in the teens in December, January and February and some plants can perish when subjected to these extremes. The plant lists only include plants which are hardy to these low temperatures. If your plants shows damage from low temperatures, they might not have died and may develop new growth later in the season — wait until spring, remove only the dead wood and leaves.

All plants on this list have low water needs. We also have indicated that some of these plants are drought tolerant — these are plants which can withstand long periods with little or no water and still survive. They might not look so good during these dry spells, but they will quickly revive when watered again.

It is important to remember that any newly planted plant, including those which are drought tolerant, must be watered regularly until it is established. See the Planting Tips section.

### Watering Techniques

Water during cool temperatures. This allows your plants to absorb water through their roots with minimal water lost to evaporation through their leaves.

- The ideal time to water regularly is in the early morning — before 7:00 AM.
- Use two watering events — shorter watering times with a break in between. Separating watering times allows plants to better absorb water before more water is added. This technique is especially important for the more impervious soils and plantings on slopes.
- When planning a new landscape area, group plants that have similar needs for water, sun and nutrients. This will be helpful in maintaining them.

For more water-wise plant and lawn watering tips, see the Section on irrigation.

### Landscape Bark

A top dressing of landscape bark helps maintain healthy plants during hotter, dryer days and greatly improves the appearance of your landscaping. The bark should be layered 2 to 3 inches deep over the soil and keep it 6 inches away from the base of plants and trunks of the trees.

Use caution when purchasing bark. The check list #15 states no shredded or chipped wood, gorilla hair sawdust-like material or rubber bark can be used. If someone offers you free bark, be careful — the source might be from diseased trees.



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## Large Shrubs ( > 8' )

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	STRAWBERRY MADRONE
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Frosty Blue'	WILD LILAC 'FROSTY BLUE'*
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Ray Hartman'	WILD LILAC 'RAY HARTMAN' *
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Victoria'	WILD LILAC 'VICTORIA' *
<i>Cotoneaster lacteus</i>	PARNEY COTONEASTER *
<i>Elaeagnus x effingei</i> 'Gilt Edge'	ELAEAGNUS 'GILT EDGE'
<i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> ( <i>Acca sellowiana</i> )	PINEAPPLE GUAVA
<i>Fremontodendron californicum</i>	FLANNEL BUSH
<i>Grevillea</i> 'Canberra Gem'	GREVILLEA 'CANBERRA GEM'
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Torulosa'	HOLLYWOOD JUNIPER
<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i>	SWEET OLIVE / TEA OLIVE
<i>Phormium tenax</i>	NEW ZEALAND FLAX
<i>Rhamnus</i>	ITALIAN BUCKHORN
<i>Rhamnus crocea ilicifolia</i>	HOLLYLEAF REDBERRY *

## Medium Shrubs ( 4' to 8' )

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Agapanthus praecox</i> , <i>A. africanus</i>	LILY-OF-THE-NILE
<i>Artemisia schmidtiana</i> 'Silver Mound' / 'Nana'	ANGEL'S HAIR
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> ssp	MANZANITA
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> f. <i>atropurpurea</i>	RED JAPANESE BARBERRY
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Julia Phelps'	CALIFORNIA LILAC
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Frosty Blue'	WILD LILAC 'FROSTY BLUE'
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Joyce Coulter'	WILD LILAC 'JOYCE COULTER'
<i>Ceanothus thrysiflorus</i> 'Skylark'	WILD LILAC 'SLYLARK'
<i>Cistus purpureus</i>	ORCHID ROCKROSE
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> 'Fruitlandi'	SILVERBERRY, RUSSIAN OLIVE
<i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> ( <i>Acca sellowiana</i> )	PINEAPPLE GUAVA
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Sea Green'	SEA GREEN JUNIPER *
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Icee Blue'	JUNIPER 'ICEE BLUE'
<i>Juniperus sabina</i> 'Tamariscifolia'	JUNIPER 'TAM'
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	OREGON GRAPE HOLLY *
<i>Photinia</i> x 'Fireball Red' DWF	PHOTINIA 'FIREBALL RED' DWF
<i>Pinus mugo</i> <i>P. mugo</i> cultivars 'Mops,' 'Sherwood Compact'	MUGO PINE / DWARF MOUNTAIN PINE
<i>Rhamnus californica</i> 'Eve Case'	COFFEEBERRY *
<i>Rhaphiolepis indica</i> 'Clara' / 'Spring Rapture'	INDIAN HAWTHORN *

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### Small Shrubs ( < 4' )

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Artemisia schmidtiana</i> 'Silver Mound' / 'Nana'	ANGEL'S HAIR *
<i>Artemisia</i> spp.	ARTEMISIA *
<i>Coleonema pulchellum</i>	GOLDEN BREATH OF HEAVEN
<i>Euryops pectinatus</i> <i>Viridis</i>	BUSH DAISY GOLDEN
<i>xHalimocistus sahucli</i>	HYBRID ROCKROSE
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	COMPACT OREGON GRAPE HOLLY *
<i>Myrtus communis</i> L. 'Compacta'	TRUE MYRTLE *
<i>Nandina domestica</i> Harbor Dwarf	HEAVENLY BAMBOO *
<i>Perovskia</i>	RUSSIAN SAGE *
<i>Phormium tenax</i> Tiny Tim	NEW ZEALAND FLAX
<i>Phormium</i> Black Rage	FLAX BLACK RAGE
<i>Phormium</i> Bronze Baby	FLAX BRONZE BABY *
<i>Phorium</i> Duet	FLAX DUET *
<i>Punica granatum</i>	DWARF POMERGRANATE
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> 'Roman Beauty'	ROSEMARY 'ROMAN BEAUTY'
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> Trailing	ROSEMARY, TRAILING
<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	MEXICAN SAGE
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	AUTUMN SAGE
<i>Santolina virens</i>	GREEN SANTOLINA *

### Woody Ground Covers

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i> 'Monterey Carpet'	MONTEREY MANZANITA
<i>Ceanothus griseus horizontalis</i> 'Yankee Point'	CALIFORNIA WILD LILAC
<i>Cistus salviifolius</i> 'Prostratus'	SAGELEAF ROCKROSE
<i>Cistus x hybridus</i>	WHITE ROCKROSE
<i>Cotoneaster dammeri</i> 'LowFast'	BEARBERRY COTONEASTER
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Gold Coast'	GOLD COAST JUNIPER
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> 'Lockwood de Forest'	PROSTRATE ROSEMARY *

### Herbaceous Ground Covers

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Gazania rigens</i> var. <i>leucolaena</i> 'Mitsuwa Yellow'	GAZANIA 'MITSUWA YELLOW' *
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	ST. JOHN'S WORT *

### Vines

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> 'Happy Wanderer'	VINE LILAC / PURPLE CORAL PEA
<i>Rosa banksiae</i>	LADY BANKS' ROSE *



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### Perennials

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<i>Achillea spp</i>	YARROW *
<i>Agapanthus orientalis</i>	LILY OF THE NILE *
<i>Agapanthus africanus</i> 'Peter Pan'	DWARF LILY OF THE NILE *
<i>Aloe saponaria</i> Succulent	SOAP ALOE / AFRICAN ALOE
<i>Buddleja</i>	BUTTERFLY BUSH *
<i>Campanula spp.</i>	BELLFLOWER *
<i>Erigonum</i>	BUCKWHEAT
<i>Euphorbia</i>	RIGIDA
<i>Euryops pectinatus</i>	YELLOW BUSH DAISY *
<i>Gaillardia</i>	BLANKETFLOWER
<i>Gaura</i>	LINDHEIMERI
<i>Hesperaloe</i>	PARVIFLORA
<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	RED HOT POKER / TORCH LILY
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	ENGLISH LAVENDER
<i>Lavandula dentata</i>	FRENCH LAVENDER
<i>Leonotis leonurus</i>	WILD DAGGA / LION'S EAR
<i>Liriope muscari</i>	LILY TURF / BIG BLUE LILYTURF
<i>Mimulus</i>	MONKEY FLOWER
<i>Nepeta</i>	CATMINT
<i>Oenothera berlandieri</i> 'Siskiyou'	MEXICAN PRIMROSE *
<i>Origanum</i>	DWARF ORGANO
<i>Penstemon spp.</i>	BEARDTONGUE *
<i>Rudbeckia</i>	GLORISA DAISY
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	LAVENDER COTTON *
<i>Scaevola</i>	MAUVE CLUSTERS
<i>Sedum</i>	AUTUMN JOY
<i>Stachys</i>	LAMBS EAR
<i>Stachys</i>	SILVER CARPET
<i>Zauschneria</i>	CALIFORNIA FUSHIA

### Ferns

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	WESTERN SWORD FERN *

### Accent Grasses

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	MEXICAN DEERGRASS