

Suggested Annuals

- *Abronia umbrellata* - grows to 10-inches; masses of small pink flowers.
- *Arctotis gradis* (African daisy) - grows to 24-inches; gray hairy leaves and creamy white flowers.
- *Argemone grandiflora* (prickly-poppy) - grows to 36-inches; white veined prickly leaves and white blooms.
- *Aster amellus* (Italian aster) - grows to 24-inches; beautiful purple flowers.
- *Brachycome iberidifolia* (swan river daisy) - grows to 12-inches; feather-like leaves and blue, white or pink daisy like flowers.
- *Calendula officinalis* (marigold) - grows to 24-inches; deep orange flowers - popular and excellent.
- *Cleome spinosa* (spider flower) - grows to 24-inches; masses of white flowers.
- *Cosmos bipinnatus* (common cosmos) - grows to 72-inches - lobed leaves; white, pink, or reddish flowers.
- *Cynoglossum amabile* (Chinese forget-me-not) - grows to 24-inches; small blue flowers - very pretty.
- *Dianthus chinensis* (China pinks) - grows to 18-inches; grassy leaves and small red or rose flowers.
- *Gazania* (Many varieties) - grassy foliage; large handsome daisy like flowers, usually orange.

Suggested Annuals Continued

- *Gomphrena globosa* (globe amaranth) - grows to 18-inches; erect branches; papery flower heads, white, purple, or rose colored.
- *Gypsophila elegans* (baby's breath) - lance-shaped leaves and white or pink flowers.
- *Lantana montevidensis* (trailing lantana) - woody trailer with fine lavender flowers.
- *Mirabilis jalapa* (common four-o'clock) - grows to 30-inches; funnel shaped white, red, or yellow flowers.
- *Portulaca grandiflora* (moss rose) - grows to 20-inches; fleshy stems and leaves; pretty rose or white flowers.
- *Rudbeckia bicolor* - lance shaped leaves and large yellow flowers.
- *Tagetes erecta* (African marigold) - large solitary orange flowers.
- *Tropaeolum majus* (nasturtium) - rounded handsome leaves and fine orange flowers.
- *Zinnia* (Many varieties) - grows to 16-inches; lovely flowers that come in many colors. Old favorite for gardens everywhere.

Plants for Drought Conditions (Perennials and Annuals)

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Achillea millefolium
(Yarrow - Perennial)



Tagetes erecta
(African Marigold - Annual)

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Landscaping Using Perennial and Annual Plantings

Do you have dry areas around your home that look like a desert? This brochure will assist you in turning those barren places into an oasis. With proper planning, every landscape can conserve water and still be beautiful and functional. The object is not to turn these areas into a sea of gravel and plastic in order to save water. This only increases the temperature around your home, which in turn increases the water needs of plants.

Many types of perennial and annual plants are able to thrive in dry conditions.

- **What is a perennial?** A perennial is a plant that lives for more than two years (2). They grow and bloom over the spring and summer and then die back every autumn and winter, then return in the spring from their root-stock rather than seeding themselves.
- **What is an annual?** They are plants whose life cycle lasts only one year, from seed to blooms to seed. Removing the flowers as they fade prolongs the blooming cycle, but if left to produce seeds, many annuals will readily reseed themselves.

Keep in mind that if you incorporate drought tolerant plants into your landscape design, you will reap the rewards all summer.

Suggested Perennials

- *Achillea millefolium* (yarrow). Feathery foliage; almost evergreen - small flowers.
- *Althaea rosa* (hollyhock) - large green leaves; fine red or rose colored flowers.
- *Alyssum* (many varieties) - small leaves and yellow or white flowers.
- *Anemone pulsatilla* (European pasqueflower) - decorative lobed leaves and bell-shaped red or purple flowers.
- *Anthemis tinctoria* (golden marguerite) - daisy like yellow flowers in quantity.
- *Armeria maritima* (common thrift) - grassy leaves and deep rose-pink flowers.
- *Aster novae-anglia* (New England aster) - lance like leaves; purple flowers in clusters.
- *Callirhoe involucrata* (poppy mallow) - hairy lobed leaves; deep reddish or pink-purple flowers.
- *Campanula carpatica* (bellflower) - small oval leaves and lovely star shaped blue flowers.
- *Cerastium tomentosum* (snow-in-summer) - evergreen plant with grayish wooly foliage.
- *Epimedium grandiflorum* (bishop's hat) - reddish-green foliage and red or white flowers.
- *Galillardia aristata* (blanket flower) - favorite garden flower; daisy-like blooms, usually yellow.
- *Heuchera sanguinea* (coral-bells) - round leaves and spikes of small red to pink flowers.
- *Iberis sempervirens* (candytuft) - long and narrow evergreen leaves; white flowers.

Suggested Perennials Continued

- *Kniphofia uvaria* (torch-lily) - grassy foliage and orange-red flowers.
- *Lathyrus maritimus* (sweetpea) - oval leaves and purplish-blue flowers.
- *Limonium latifolium* - large feathery clusters of small bright mauve flowers.
- *Macleaya cordata* (plume poppy) - leaves look like fig foliage; small cream-colored to pinkish flowers.
- *Oenothera fruticosa* - attractive yellow flowers in terminal clusters.



Kniphofia uvaria
(Torch-lily - Perennial)



Brachycome iberidifolia
(swan river daisy)