Drought-Tolerant Plants

The species listed below have shown greater drought-tolerance in our area than other species.

Large Trees | Small/Medium Trees | Evergreen Trees | Deciduous Shrubs | Evergreen Shrubs | Perennials/Ornamental Grasses/Herbs | Annuals | Vines | Groundcovers

**LARGE TREES**

American Mountain Ash  
Black Gum  
Chinese Chestnut  
Cherry Birch  
Common Hackberry  
Dawn Redwood  
Goldenrain Tree  
Green Mountain Sugar Maple  
Hardy Rubber Tree  
Japanese Zelkova  
Japanese Pagodatree  
Katsura Tree  
Kentucky Coffeetree  
Lacebook Elm  
Largetooth Aspen  
Little Leaf Linden  
London Plane Tree  
Maidenhair Tree (Ginkgo)  
Pyramidal European Hornbeam  
Red Maple  
Shagbark Hickory  
Southern Catalpa  
Sweet Gum  
Thornless Honeylocust  
Valley Forge American Elm  
Yellowwood

**SMALL / MEDIUM TREES**

Amur Cork Tree  
Amur Maple  
Carolina Silverbell  
Cornelian Cherry (Dogwood)  
Ironwood  
American Hornbeam  
Japanese Hornbeam  
Japanese Maples and Cultivars  
Japanese Tree Lilac  
Kousa Dogwood  
Paperbark Maple  
Persimmon  
Purple Leaf Plum  
Red Buckeye  
Redbud  
Smoke Tree  
Sumacs  
Green Hawthorn
Washington Hawthorn
Treeform Shadblow
Treeform Crape Myrtle

**EVERGREEN TREES**

Alaskan Weeping Cedar
American Holly
Atlas Cedar
Austrian Pine
Blue Atlas Cedar
Colorado Spruce varieties and cultivars
Deodar Cedar Douglas Fir
Eastern Red Cedar
Japanese Black Pine
Limber Pine
Norway Spruce
Rocky Mountain Juniper
Southern Magnolia
Scotts Pine
White Spruce

**DECIDUOUS SHRUBS**

Beauty Berry
Butterfly Bush
California Privet
Chaste Tree (Vitex)
Common Flowering Quince
Deciduous Azaleas
Groundsel Bush
Lilac
Purpleleaf Sand Cherry
Red Chokeberry
Rose of Sharon
Rugosa Rose
Sargent's Privet
Shrub from Crape Myrtle
Shrub rose
St. John's Wort
Styrax
Viburnum and cultivars
Winterberry
Winter Jasmine
Yellowroot

**EVERGREEN SHRUBS**

Adams Needle
Azalea
Blue Hollies
Boxwood
Cherry and Skipjack Laurel
China Girl Hollies
Chinese Holly cultivars
Chinese Juniper cultivars
English Yew
Glossy Abelia
Heavenly Bamboo
Inkberry Holly
Japanese Holly cultivars
Japanese Yew
Littleleaf Box
Northern Bayberry
Pieris and cultivars
Scarlet Firethorn
Upright Yew

PERENNIALS / ORNAMENTAL GRASSES / HERBS

Anise - Hyssop
American Bugbane
Artemisia
Aster
Astile
Baby’s Breath
Baptisia
Beesia
Bishop’s Hat
Black-eyed Susan
Blue Festuca (Grass)
Bluestem (Grass)
Bouteloua
Butterflyweed
Calamint
Catnip
Carex (Grass)
Christmas Fern
Common Yarrow
Cranesbill
Daylily
Dianthus
Elymus (Grass)
False Indigo
Flax
Gas Plant
Globe Thistle
Golden Columbine
Golden Marguerite
Goldenrod
Hens-and-Chickens
Hollyhock
Japanese Anemone
Lamb’s ears
Lavender (Herb)
Lavender-Cotton – Santolina (Herb)
Leadwort
Lenten Rose
Liatris
Miscanthus grass cultivars
Mistflower
Moss Pink
Onethera and cultivars
Oriental Poppy
Ornamental Onion
Penstemon Digitalis (Beard Tongue)
Perennial Bachelor’s Button
Perennial Candytuft
Perennial Salvia
Periwinkle
Purple Coneflower
Quaker Ladies
Red-hot Poker
Rosemary (Herb)
Rudbeckia
Rue Anemone
Russian Sage
Sea Holly
Snow-in-Summer
Stonecrop
Sundrops
Sun-rose
Switch Grass
Threadleaf Coreopsis
Thyme (Herb)
Virginia Saxifrage
White Snakeroot

**ANNUALS**

African Daisy
Amaranth, Joseph’s Coat
Annual Baby’s-Breath
Annual Coneflower
China or Annual Pink
Cornflower
Dusty Miller
Globe Amaranth
Maroon Gaillardia
Mexican Sunflower
Rose Moss
Rose Periwinkle
Santivalia
Snow-on-the-Mountain
Spider Flower
Sunflower
Verbena
Zinnia
VINES
Clematis
Trumpet Creeper
Virginia Creeper

GROUNDCOVERS
Aaronsbeard St. Johnswort
Bearberry
Bearberry Cotoneaster
Creeping Juniper
Creeping Thyme
Daylily
Lavender Cotton
Lilyturf
Microbiota
Plumbago
Snow-in-Summer
Stonecrop
"Variegatum", Bishop’s Goutweed
Virginia’s Strawberry