

## Waterwise Plants



We define waterwise or drought tolerant plants as those that will thrive, once established, with irrigation twice weekly or less during the hottest months. Some, especially California native plants, can survive with no supplemental summer water, although many of them look better if watered deeply once a month. Please keep in mind that **all** plants require regular water for at least a full season or two before they are established.

This is by no means an exhaustive list. These are plants that are drought tolerant, do well in our area, and are usually available, although not always year-round.

### Trees

Acer rubrum	Red Maple
Albizia julibrissin	Mimosa
Arbutus 'Marina'	Strawberry Madrone
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry
Cercidium (Parkinsonia)	Palo Verde
Chilopsis linearis	Desert Willow
Cotinus coggygria	Smoke Tree
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo
Lagerstroemia	Crape Myrtle
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern Magnolia
Olea europaea	Olive
Pistacia chinense	Chinese Pistache
Quercus agrifolia	Coast Liveoak
Quercus lobata	Valley Oak
Robinia 'Purple Robe'	Locust
Schinus mole	California Pepper
Tristania laurina	Tristania
Ulmus parvifolia	Chinese Elm

### Shrubs

Abelia grandiflora	Abelia
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree
Berberis	Barberry
Buddleia	Butterfly Bush
Callistemon	Bottlebrush
Chaenomeles	Flowering Quince
Cistus	Rockrose
Coleonema	Breath of Heaven
Correa	Australian Fuchsia
Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster
Daphne odora	Daphne
Dodonaea viscosa 'Purpurea'	Purple Hopseed
Echium fastuosum	Pride of Madeira
Elaeagnus	Silverberry
Euryops	Euryops
Feijoa sellowiana	Pineapple guava
Garrya elliptica	Coast Silktassel
Grevillea	Grevillea
Laurus nobilis	Sweet Bay
Leonotis leonurus	Lion's Tail
Ligustrum	Privet
Loropetalum	Chinese Fringe Flower
Myrtus communis	Myrtle
Nandina domestica	Heavenly Bamboo
Nerium oleander	Oleander
Photinia fraseri	Photinia

### Shrubs cont'd

Physocarpus	Ninebark
Pittosporum	Pittosporum
Punica granatum	Pomegranate
Rosmarinus officinalis	Rosemary
Sarcococca	Sarcococca
Sollya heterophylla	Australian Bluebell
Syringa vulgaris	Lilac
Teucrium fruticans	Germander
Vitex agnus-castus	Chaste Tree
Westringia	Westringia

### Perennials

Achillea	Yarrow
Agastache	Hyssop
Artemisia	Wormwood
Asparagus densiflorus	Asparagus Fern
Bergenia crassifolia	Winter Blooming Bergenia
Calylophus	Sundrops
Centaurea cineraria	Dusty Miller
Centranthus ruber	Jupiter's Beard
Cerastium tomentosum	Snow-in-Summer
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	Dwarf Plumbago
Convolvulus cneorum	Bush Morning Glory
Convolvulus maritima	Ground Morning Glory
Coreopsis	Coreopsis, Tickseed
Dymondia	Silver Carpet
Erigeron	Santa Barbara Daisy
Erysimum	Wallflower
Euphorbia	Euphorbia, Spurge
Gaillardia	Blanket Flower
Gaura	Gaura
Gazania	Gazania
Helianthemum	Sunrose
Hypericum	St. John's Wort
Lantana	Lantana
Lavandula	Lavender
Limonium perezii	Statice, Sea Lavender
Myoporum parvifolium	Myoporum
Nepeta	Catmint
Oenothera berlandiera	Evening Primrose
Osteospermum	Cape Daisy
Penstemon	Penstemon, Beardtongue
Perovskia atriplicifolia	Russian Sage
Phlomis fruticosa	Jerusalem Sage
Rubus calycinoides (R. pentalobus)	Creeping Bramble
Rudbeckia	Gloriosa Daisy
Salvia (most)	Sage

## Perennials, cont'd

Stachys byzantine	Lamb's Ear
Teucrium chamaedrys	Germander
Thymus	Thyme

## Grasses & Grass-like Plants

Agapanthus	Lily of the Nile
Anigozanthos	Kangaroo Paw
Calamagrostis	Feather Reed Grass
Festuca	Fescue
Helictotrichon sempervirens	Blue Oat Grass
Lomandra	Mat Rush
Kniphofia	Red Hot Poker
Muhlenbergia	Muhly Grass
Pennisetum	Fountain Grass
Phormium	New Zealand Flax
Stipa arundinacea	New Zealand Windgrass
Tulbaghia violacea	Society Garlic

## Vines

Bougainvillea	Bougainvillea
Clytostoma callistegioides	Lavender Trumpet Vine
Distictus buccinatoria	Red Trumpet Vine
Gelsemium sempervirens	Carolina Jessamine
Hardenbergia violacea	Lilac Vine
Jasminum polyanthum	Pink Jasmine
Parthenocissus	Boston Ivy, Virginia Creeper
Rosa banksiae	Lady Banks Rose
Solanum jasminoides	Potato Vine
Trachelospermum jasminoides	Star Jasmine
Vitis californica	California Grape
Wisteria	Wisteria

## Conifers – most

Juniper, Pine, Cypress, Fir, Cedar, etc.

## California Natives

Arctostaphylos	Manzanita
Artemisia 'David's Choice'	Sandhill Sage
Bouteloua gracilis	Blue Grama Grass
Carex pansa	Meadow Sage
Carpenteria californica	Bush Anemone
Ceanothus	California Lilac
Cercis occidentalis	Redbud
Epilobium (Zauschneria)	California Fuchsia
Erigeron glaucus	Seaside Daisy
Eriogonum	Buckwheat
Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy
Fremontodendron (Fremontia)	Flannel Bush
Garrya elliptica	Coast Silktassel
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon
Iris douglasiana and hybrids	Pacific Coast Iris
Mimulus (most)	Monkey Flower
Muhlenbergia rigens	Deer Grass, Basket Grass
Myrica californica	Pacific Wax Myrtle
Penstemon (several native choices)	Penstemon, Beardtongue
Polystichum munitum	Western Sword Fern
Quercus agrifolia	Coast Liveoak
Quercus lobata	Valley Oak
Ribes	Currant
Romneya coulteri	Matillija Poppy
Salvia (many native choices)	Sage
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-eyed Grass
Woodwardia fimbriata	Giant Chain Fern

## Succulents -all

Agave, Sempervivum, Echeveria, Aloe, Sedum, Yucca, etc.