

5 Plants That Require Almost NO Water

1. **California lilac (Ceanothus):** This beautiful shrub flowers in late winter/early spring, emits a lovely fragrance, and shows flowers that run from white to purple. The “Concha” variety is prized for its deep blue blossoms. California lilacs grow best on dry, sloping land or in front of any structure that protects them from wind. They also prefer well-drained soil, and they don’t do well in clay.



2. **Deer grass (Muhlenbergia rigens):** Found in many desert gardens, deer grass is a spiky and dependable ornamental. It loves full sun, but also will grow in a little shade. Water every three days until established. After the first year, water only every three weeks.



3. **Salvia, heatwave series:** These dependable perennials were developed in Australia to withstand extreme weather. As a bonus, they bloom spring through fall, to the delight of hummingbirds and butterflies. Colors include white, pink, and salmon.



4. **Dusty miller (Senecio cineraria):** This low-growing perennial is known for its silver-gray foliage, looks good as a ground cover, and thrives in containers stuffed with annuals. It hates standing around with wet roots, so plant it in soil that drains well.



5. **Tickseed (Coreopsis):** These yellow perennials add a burst of sunshine to any garden or border. More than 100 species are long-blooming (so long as you dead-head) and low-maintenance. They range from long and leggy to small and mounded. Also, they are easy to divide, creating many more plants season after season.



Contact your local florist to see if these are available, or to get more information about drought tolerant plants and trees that will grow in our area.