

# Garden Talk

## Preferred Plant Guide

Since 1962 Watters Design & Garden Centers has been perfecting the best plant choices for the area and the best planting techniques in our difficult mountain clay soils. There are thousands of plants available in the market, but few will take our harsh winds, arid climate and erratic temperature. Our soil lacks organic matter, has little food available for the plants and our water is very high alkaline. These factors affect all but the hardiest of plant choices.

Here at Watters we have selected the best plant choices for the areas. Plants that make the list will have the following plant characteristics.

- ◆ Plants should be able to tolerate our winds.
- ◆ Be able to take an arid climate.
- ◆ Grow well in a clay soil.
- ◆ Produce flowers and fruit that will bloom later in the season. Reducing the risk of frost damage to flower buds.
- ◆ Tolerate alkaline water with minor corrections using fertilizer and soil sulfurs.
- ◆ Deep rooted for maximum toughness and lower water use as the plant matures.

The following list is our experience, expertise and preferences from years of development.

### Showy in Fall

Ash Trees - Arizona, Modesto, Raywood  
Aspen, Pin Oaks  
Chinese Pistachio Tree  
Flowering Pear - Bradford, Redspire  
Maples Trees- Autumn Blaze, Silver, Red  
Sunset, Amur  
Oak Trees - Pin & Red  
Barberry Bush  
All Grasses  
Burning Bush  
Service Berry  
Nandina Bush  
Vines - Virginia Creeper, Boston Ivy  
Barberries

Lilac Purple & fragrant  
Mock Orange White & fragrant  
Roses Grandiflora, Climber & English  
Rose of Sharon every color  
Snow Ball Bush White  
Bridal Wreath Spirea - flowing white  
Magnolia  
Rhododendrons  
Spanish Brooms  
Glossy Abelia  
Yellow Bird of Paradise  
Vitex or Chase Tree  
Wigelia

Miniature Roses or Carpet Roses  
Dwarf Mock Orange

### Shade Trees

Ash - Arizona, Modesto, Raywood  
Autumn Blaze Maple  
Bradford Pear  
Cottonless Cottonwood or Poplar  
Locusts -Golden, Honey, Purple Robe, Shade Master  
Maples - Autumn Blaze, Silver, October Glory  
Mimosa  
Elms  
Sycamores - any  
Willows - Globe, Weeping

### Flowering Trees

Flowering Cherry Pure white  
flowers/ golden fall  
Flowering Crabapple  
Pink/white/burgundy flowers  
Flowering Pear White flowers/ Red fall  
Flowering Plum Pink flowers/purple  
leaves/Drought  
Golden Chain Tree Yellow  
flowers/Drought  
Desert Willows and Smoke Trees  
Mimosa Pink tassel flowers  
Purple Robe Locust Blue/Purple  
Redbud Pink/fushia flowers  
Serviceberry White flowers/ Red fall

### Flowering Shrubs under 4'

Russian Sage Blue  
Potentilla yellow/white  
Salvia or Autumn Sage Red  
Spirea - Little Princess, Goldflame, Magic Carpet  
Bluemist Caryopteris  
Dwarf Rhododendrons

### Living Screens

Arborvitae 8'  
Austrian Pine 40'  
Cypress -Arizona 25-35', Leylandi 25-35'  
Juniper - Pfitzer 6', Seagreen 6'  
Junipers - All upright varieties 20'  
Lombardi Poplar 40-50'  
Red Cluster berry Cotoneaster 10'  
Privet - Common 6' & Waxleaf 6'  
Pyracantha 8-10'  
Red Tip Photinia 8-10'  
Spartan Juniper 10'  
Silver Berry

### Flowering Shrubs 4'+

Butterfly Bush all colors  
Flowering Quince red  
Forsythia yellow



### Evergreen Shrub under 4'

Boxwood  
Cotoneasters - Spreading  
Euonymus - Emerald Gaiety, Green Mound, Moon Shadow

Junipers - Spreading  
 Dwarf Mahonia, Oregon Grape  
 Mugo Pine  
 Nandinas - Gulf Stream, Harbor Dwarf  
 Pyracantha - Low  
 Boy  
 Dwarf  
 Rhododendrons  
 Waxleaf Privet



## Vines

Akebia  
 Boston Ivy  
 Clematis  
 Climbing Roses  
 Grapes  
 Honeysuckle  
 Ivy  
 Silverlace  
 Trumpet Vine  
 Virginia Creeper  
 Wisteria

## Fruiting Plants

Apples  
 Apricot  
 Cherry  
 Peaches  
 Pears  
 Plums  
 Blackberry  
 Grapes  
 Gooseberry  
 Raspberry  
 Kiwi  
 Akebia  
 Current  
 Nanking Cherry  
 Western Sand  
 Cherry



## Shade Tolerant Plants

Abelia  
 Ajuga Pennywort  
 Boxwood  
 Dogwood  
 Euonymus  
 Ferns  
 Holly  
 Hosta  
 Ivy  
 Japanese Maple  
 Lamium - Bishops Weed  
 Nandina  
 Oregon Grape  
 Red Tip Photinia  
 Rhododendrons  
 Strawberries  
 Violets  
 Yews

## Ground Covers

Ajuga - Pennywort  
 Blue Chip Juniper  
 Coral Beauty Cotoneaster  
 Creeping Thyme  
 Creeping Veronica  
 Ivy  
 Honeysuckle  
 Lamiums  
 Kinnickinnick  
 Mexican Primrose  
 Juniper - Spreading  
 Rosemary - Spreading  
 Periwinkle, Vinca  
 Sedums  
 Snow in Summer  
 Strawberries  
 Violets

## Plants for Containers

Gulf Stream Nandina  
 Compact Oregon Grape - Mahonia  
 Magic Carpet  
 Spirea  
 Wave Petunias  
 Barberry  
 Euonymous  
 Coral Bells  
 Ivy  
 Cherry - Autumn  
 Sage  
 Herbs



## Plants for Smell Good

Lilac  
 Roses  
 Silver Berry  
 Honey Suckles  
 Mock Orange  
 Butterfly Bush  
 Sages  
 Lavender  
 Akebia  
 Herbs

## Evergreens that Bloom

Red Tip Photinia  
 Waxleaf Privet  
 Oregon Grape  
 Nandina  
 Silver berry  
 Rhododendrons  
 Azaleas  
 Holly  
 Yuccas  
 Spanish Broom  
 Halls Honeysuckle  
 Cotoneaster



## Showy Trees

Golden Locust

Chitalpa  
 Purple Rose Locust  
 Golden Rain Tree  
 Catalpa  
 Variegated Box elder  
 Japanese Maple  
 Crabapples  
 Mimosa  
 Atlas Cedar  
 Flowering Pear  
 Aspen  
 Chinese Pistachio  
 Bristlecone Pine



## Evergreen Trees

Spruce  
 Austrian Black Pine  
 White fir  
 Cedar  
 Blue Atlas Cedar  
 Dwarf Alberta Spruce  
 Bristle Cone Pine

## Grasses for the Viewing

Karl Forester  
 Panic Grasses  
 Blue Fescue  
 Deer Grass  
 Pampas Grass  
 Maiden Grasses

## Low Water Users Trees

Ash  
 Locust  
 Elm  
 Oak  
 Cypress  
 Cedar  
 Hackberry  
 Chinese Pistachio

## Low Water Shrubs 4' +

Yucca  
 Desert Spoon  
 Spanish Broom  
 Lyland Cypress -  
 Emerald Isle  
 Stag horn or Smooth  
 Sumac  
 Deador Cedar  
 Cypress - Arizona &  
 Leyland  
 Manzanita  
 Yellow Bird of Paradise



## Low Water under 4'

Red/ Yellow Yucca - Hesperaloe  
 Banana Yucca  
 Parris Agave  
 Russian Sage  
 Germander  
 Santa Rita Cactus

Manzanita - Kinniknik

Blue Fescue

Sedums

Lilac time Broom

Sumac - Growlow

Big Sage Bush

Deer Grass

## **Steep Banks & Erosion**

Honeysuckle

Cotoneaster

Spreading Juniper

Lowboy Pyracantha

Grasses

Vinca