



# Make Water Work Plant Collection

## PLANT TYPE CODES

- G** Grass
- S** Shrub
- ES** Evergreen Shrub
- T** Tree
- P** Perennial
- FS** Flowering Shrub
- ES-H** Evergreen Shrub Hedging
- FireSmart™**

## WATER NEEDS

- 0-3" (7.5cm) per year**
- 4-7" (10-18cm) per year**
- 8-11" (20-28cm) per year**

## LIGHT REQUIREMENTS

- S** Full Sun
- PS** Part Sun - Part Shade
- SH** Shade



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## PERENNIALS

Barrenwort		Epimedium (spp.)	P		PS/SH			
Bigroot Cranesbill		Geranium (spp.)	P		S/PS			
Blanket Flower	<i>kc'unus</i>	Gaillardia (spp.)	P		S		Native	
Blue Flax		Linum perenne	P	*	S/PS			
Butterfly Gaura		Gaura lindheimeri	P		S			
Chives		Allium schoenoprasum	P		S			Edible
Cushion Spurge		Euphorbia polychroma	P	*	S/PS			
Dusseldorf Pride Thrift		Armeria maritima (var.)	P		S			
Firewitch Pinks		Dianthus (spp.)	P		S			Edible
Garlic Chives		Allium tuberosum	P		S			Edible
German Iris		Iris germanica	P		S			
Gloriosa Daisy		Rudbeckia hirta	P		S			
Hardy Ice Plant		Delosperma (spp.)	P		S			
Heartleaf Bergenia		Bergenia cordifolia	P		PS/SH			
Hen and Chicks		Sempervivum (spp.)	P		S/PS			
Jupiter's Beard		Centranthus ruber	P		S/PS			
Lamb's Ears		Stachys byzantina	P		S/PS/SH			

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## Watering Instructions

On average, the Okanagan gets about 11 inches (28 cm) of natural precipitation annually. The amount of additional water a plant will need in the growing season will be affected by the type of soil it is growing in and whether or not the soil has been covered by mulch (which helps retain moisture!).

The water needs indicated (1 or 2 drops) are for mulched, average, well-drained soil with good organic content and after the plants are established. Plants in sandy soils will need a bit more water, and plants in clay soils will do well with less than the suggested supplementation.

It is important to water deeply and less often so that water soaks into the soil and encourages deep root growth. A deep watering would be an application of one inch. (Measure how long that takes by putting out tuna cans within the area next time you water.) Any supplemental watering that is required is needed most in our dry summer months.

**To attract pollinators, choose plants with different bloom times.**

## FireSmart Legend Priority Zones

- Immediate Zone 0-1.5 m
- Intermediate Zone 1.5-10 m
- Extended Zone 10-30 m
- Extended & Beyond 21-30+ m
- Generally considered fire-resistant, however more research is required to determine which zone is appropriate for use. Use with caution as some may pose more risk than others.

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Lavender		Lavandula (spp.)	P		S			Edible
Missouri Evening Primrose		Oenothera missouriensis	P		S			
Yarrow	q̣ẉac̣q̣ẉac̣wix̣ẉups	Achillea (spp.)	P		S		Native	
Nodding Onion	χ̣aliwa?	Allium cernuum	P		S		Native	Edible
Ostrich Fern		Matteucia struthiopteris	P		PS			
Perennial Candytuft		Iberis sempervirens	P		S/PS			
PricklyPear Cactus	ṣẉina?	Opuntia polyacantha	P		S		Native	Edible
Red Rocks Penstemon		Penstemon mexicali 'Red Rocks'	P		S			
Rhubarb		Rheum rhabarbarum	P		S			Edible
Russian Sage		Salvia atriplicifolia	P		S			
Sage (herb)		Salvia officinalis	P		S			Edible
Salvia 'Caradonna'		Salvia nemorosa (var.)	P		S			
Santolina		Santolina chamaecyparissus	P		S			
Sea Lavender		Limonium latifolium	P		S			
Silver Mound		Artemisia schmidtiana 'Silver Mound'	P		S			
Stella D'Oro Daylily		Hemerocallis 'Stella D'Oro'	P		S/PS			Edible
Stonecrop		Sedum (spp.)	P		S/PS			
Thread-leaf Coreopsis		Coreopsis verticillata 'Zagreb'	P		S			
Thyme		Thymus (spp.)	P		S			Edible
Walker's Low Catmint		Nepeta (spp.)	P		S/PS			
Wooly Thyme		Thymus pseudolanuginosus (spp.)	P		S			
Yucca		Yucca (spp.)	P		S			Edible

## GRASSES

Big Bluestem		Andropogon gerardii	G		S/PS			
Blue Fescue		Festuca glauca (var.)	G		S/PS			
Blue Gramma Grass		Bouteloua gracilis	G		S			
Blue Hair Grass		Koeleria glauca	G		S			
Blue Moor Grass		Sesleria caerulea	G		S/PS			
Blue Oat Grass		Helictotrichon sempervirens	G		S			
Blue Sedge		Carex flacca	G		S/PS/SH			
Bluebunch Wheatgrass	sṭ'yi?	Pseudoregneria spicata	G		S		Native	

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Hardy Pampas Grass		Saccharum ravennae	G	2	S			
Heavy Metal Switchgrass		Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'	G	2	S			
Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass		Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'	G	2**	S/PS			
Little Bluestem		Schizachrium scoparium	G	1	S			
Mexican Feather Grass		Nassella tenuissima	G	1	S			
Northern Sea Oats		Chasmanthium latifolium	G	2**	S/PS/SH			
Prairie Dropseed		Sporobolus heterolepis	G	2	S/PS			
<b>SHRUBS</b>								
Dwarf Arctic Willow		Salix purpurea 'Nana'	S	2	S/PS	🔥🟢		
Japanese Barberry		Berberis thunbergii (var.)	S	2	S/PS	🔥🟢		
Tiger Eyes Sumac (Note: may spread)		Rhus typhina 'Bailtiger'	S	1	S	🔥🟢		
Winter Creeper		Euonymous fortunei	S	2	S/PS	🔥🔴		
European Privet		Ligustrum vulgare	S-H	2	S	🔥🟢		
<b>EVERGREEN SHRUBS</b>								
Gold Coast Juniper		Juniperus chinensis (var.)	ES	1	S	🔥🔴		
Oregon Grape	<i>sc'arsitmalx</i>	Mahonia aquifolium	ES	1	S/PS	🔥🟢	Native	Edible
Slowmound Mugo Pine		Pinus mugo 'Slowmound' (var.)	ES	1	S	🔥🔴		
Spruce - Baby Blue		Picea pungens 'Baby Blue'	ES - T	2	S	🔥🔴		
Spruce - Little Gem		Picea abies 'Little Gem'	ES	2	S	🔥🔴		
Hicks Yew		Taxus x media 'Hicksii'	ES - H	2	S	🔥🔴		
Juniper	<i>puntp</i>	Juniperus scopolorum	ES - H	1	S	🔥🔴	Native	
Juniper Skyrocket		Juniperus virginiana (var.)	ES - H	1	S	🔥🔴		
<b>FLOWERING SHRUBS</b>								
Potentilla		Potentilla (spp.)	FS	2	S	🔥🟢		
Beauty Bush		Kolkwitzia amabilis	FS	2	S			
Black Currant		Ribes nigrum	FS	2	S			Edible
Blanc de Coubert Rose		Rosa x rugosa 'Blanc de Coubert'	FS	2	S	🔥🟡		Edible
Blue Elderberry	<i>c'ac'k'itmalx</i>	Sambucus caerulea	FS - T	2	S/PS	🔥🟢	Native	Edible
Blue Mist Spirea		Caryopteris x clandonensis 'Dark Knight'	FS	2	S	🔥🟢		
Burning Bush		Euonymous alatus	FS	2	S	🔥🟢		
Common Lilac		Syringa vulgaris	FS	1	S	🔥🟢		

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\*FIRE RISK - Must pay attention to placement of high risk plants. Learn more at [firesmartbc.ca/landscaping-hub/](https://firesmartbc.ca/landscaping-hub/)

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Fernbush (Note: may spread)		Chamaebataria millefolium	FS	1	S/PS			
Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac		Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'	FS	1	S/PS	●		
Miss Kim Lilac		Syringa patula 'Miss Kim'	FS	2	S			
Mock Orange	wəxwaxitp	Philadelphus lewisii (spp.)	FS	2	S	●	Native	
Common Ninebark		Physocarpus opulifolius	FS	2	S	●		
Northern Gold Forsythia		Forsythia 'Northern Gold'	FS	2	S/PS	●		
Rabbitbrush	nəqnaqtiip	Ericameria nauseosa	FS	1	S	●	Native	
Red Currant		Ribes rubrum	FS	2	S			Edible
Hedge Cotoneaster		Cotoneaster lucidus	FS - H	1	S/PS	●		
Rose - Hansa		Rosa x rugosa 'Hansa'	FS	1	S	●		Edible
Rose - Pavement		Rosa rugosa Pavement series	FS	2	S	●		
Rose - Red Leaf (Note: may spread)		Rosa glauca	FS	1	S			Edible
Saskatoon Serviceberry	siya?	Amelanchier alnifolia	FS - H	1	S/PS	●	Native	Edible
Soopolallie	sxʷusam	Shepherdia canadensis	FS	2	S	●	Native	Edible
Wax Currant	yaʹrknitp	Ribes cereum	FS	1	S/PS		Native	Edible

## TREES

Amur Maple		Acer ginnala	T	2	S/PS	●		
Apricot		Prunus armeniaca	T	2	S			Edible
Common Hackberry		Celtis Occidentalis	T	2	S/PS	●		
Douglas Maple		Acer glabrum	T	2	S/PS	●	Native	
Golden Rain Tree		Koelruteria paniculata	T	2	S	●		
Green Ash		Fraxinus pennsylvanica	T	2	S	●		
Japanese Pagoda Tree		Styphnolobium japonicum	T	2	S			
Italian Plum		Prunus domestica 'Italian'	T	2	S			Edible
Ivory Silk Lilac		Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'	T	2	S			
Kentucky Coffee Tree		Gymnocladus dioica	T	2	S/PS	●		
Maidenhair Tree		Ginko biloba	T	2	S	●		
Thornless Honeylocust		Gleditsia triacanthos (var.)	T	1	S	●		
Paul's Scarlet Hawthorne		Crataegus oxyacantha 'Paul's Scarlet'	T	2	S	●		
Purple Robe Locust(Notes: may spread)		Robinia pseudoacacia (var.)	T	1	S			
Walker's Weeping Caragana		Caragana arborescens 'Walker'	T	1	S	●		
Wayfaring Tree		Viburnum lantana	T	1	S			

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