

## PERENNIAL CARE

# drought and wet tolerant perennials and shrubs

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### Drought Tolerant

Full Sun (6+ hours direct sun)

*Achillea* (Yarrow)  
*Agastache* (Anise Hyssop)  
*Allium* (Ornamental Onion)  
*Andropogon* (Big Bluestem)  
*Antennaria* (Field Pussytoes)  
*Arctostaphylos* (Kinnikinnick/Bearberry)\*  
*Armeria* (Thrift)  
*Asclepias* (*Milkweed/Butterfly Weed*)  
*Baptisia* (False Indigo)  
*Bouteloua* (Sideoats Grama)  
*Ceanothus* (New Jersey Tea/Redroot)\*  
*Cotinus* (Smokebush/Smoketree)\*  
*Dalea* (Prairie Clover)  
*Delosperma* (Ice Plant)  
*Dianthus* (Pinks)  
*Echinacea* (Coneflower)  
*Echinops* (Globe Thistle)  
*Eryngium* (Rattlesnake Master/Sea Holly)  
*Euphorbia* (Cushion Spurge)  
*Festuca* (Fescue)  
*Forsythia* (Goldenbells)\*  
*Fragaria virginiana* (Wild Strawberry)  
*Gaillardia* (Blanket Flower)  
*Geum* (Avens/Prairie Smoke)  
*Ginkgo* (Maidenhair Tree)\*  
*Heliopsis* (False Sunflower)  
*Hemerocallis* (Daylily)  
*Iberis* (Candytuft)  
*Iris germanica* (Bearded Iris)  
*Juniperus spp.* (Juniper)\*  
*Liatris* (Blazing Star)  
*Microbiota* (Siberian/Russian Cypress)  
*Nepeta* (Catmint)  
*Panicum* (Switch Grass)

*Perovskia* (Russian Sage)  
*Phlox subulata* (Creeping Phlox)  
*Potentilla* (Cinquefoil)\*  
*Pulsatilla* (Eastern Pasqueflower)  
*Ratibida* (Prairie/Gray-Headed Coneflower)  
*Rhus* (Sumac)\*  
*Salvia* (Woodland/Meadow Sage)  
*Scabiosa* (Pincushion Flower)  
*Schizachyrium* (Little Bluestem)  
*Sedum* (Stonecrop)  
*Sempervivum* (Hen and Chicks)  
*Solidago* (Goldenrod)  
*Sorghastrum* (Yellow Prairie Grass)  
*Sporobolus* (Prairie Dropseed)  
*Syringa* (Lilac)\*  
*Weigela*\*  
*Yucca* (Adam's Needle)

**Note:** Many of these plants will grow in part sun exposure but will bloom best in full sun.

Part Sun/Shade (0-6 Hours Direct Sun)

*Carex* (Sedge)  
*Diervilla* (Northern Bush Honeysuckle)\*  
*Epimedium* (Barrenwort)  
*Eurybia* (Large-Leaved Aster)  
*Pachysandra* (Japanese Spurge)  
*Polygonatum* (Solomon's Seal)  
*Polystichum* (Christmas Fern)

**Note:** Many of these plants will grow in shady conditions but will bloom best in part sun.

\* *Woody tree or shrub*

## Wet Tolerant

### Full Sun (6+ hours direct sun)

*Acorus* (Sweet Flag)  
*Anemone* (Windflower)  
*Aronia* (Black Chokeberry)\*  
*Asclepias incarnata* (Swamp Milkweed)  
*Astrantia* (Masterwort)  
*Betula nigra* (River Birch)\*  
*Cephalanthus* (Buttonbush)\*  
*Clethra* (Summersweet)\*  
*Cornus* (Dogwood)\*  
*Deschampsia* (Tufted Hairgrass)  
*Eutrochium* (Joe Pye Weed)  
*Filipendula rubra* (Queen of the Prairie)  
*Hibiscus* (Hardy Hibiscus)  
*Ilex* (Winterberry/Holly)\*  
*Iris ensata* (Japanese Water Iris)  
*Iris versicolor* (Northern Blue Flag Iris)  
*Lobelia* (Cardinal Flower/Great Blue)  
*Physocarpus* (Ninebark)\*  
*Physotegia* (Obedient Plant)  
*Quercus bicolor* (Swamp White Oak)\*  
*Salix* (Willow)\*  
*Sanguisorba* (Burnet)  
*Tradescantia* (Spiderwort)  
*Trollius* (Globe Flower)  
*Vernonia* (Common Ironweed)  
*Veronicastrum* (Culver's Root)  
*Zizia* (Golden Alexander)

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### Part Sun/Shade (0-6 hours direct sun)

*Adiantum* (Northern Maidenhair Fern)  
*Arisaema* (Jack-in-the-Pulpit)  
*Aruncus* (Goatsbeard)  
*Asarum* (Wild Ginger)  
*Astilbe* (False Goatsbeard)  
*Athyrium* (Lady/Painted Fern)  
*Brunnera* (Siberian Bugloss)  
*Chasmanthium* (Northern Sea Oats)  
*Chelone* (Turtlehead)  
*Dicentra* (Bleeding Heart)  
*Dryopteris* (Autumn/Male Fern)  
*Ligularia* (Ragwort)  
*Matteuccia* (Ostrich Fern)  
*Onoclea* (Sensitive Fern)  
*Osmunda* (Cinnamon/Royal Fern)

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