Waterwise Annuals

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Watering Guide

Water Zone 0

Water Zone 1

Water Zone 2

Water Zone 3

Water Zone 4
Water Zone 0

No Irrigation
Spring rain is needed to germinate seeds

Grows faster with additional irrigation
California Poppy

*Eschscholzia californica*

- Annual: orange blossoms
- Height: 8 inches
- Sun
- Self seeding
Water Zone 1

One irrigation per month
Need more frequent irrigation to establish plantings
More frequent irrigation in hot weather will produce additional flowers
Water Zone 2

Two irrigations per month
Need more frequent irrigation to establish plantings

More frequent irrigation in hot weather will produce additional flowers
Moss Rose

*Portulaca grandiflora*

- Annual; succulent; many colors
- Height: 4 inches
- Sun
- Good groundcover
Water Zone 3

1 Irrigation per week

Need more frequent irrigation to establish plantings
Snapdragon

*Antirrhinum majus*

- Annual
- Height: Dwarf 8 inches tall, taller types to 36 inches
- Sun
- Flowers: All colors
Calendula

*Calendula officinalis*

- Annual
- Height: to 16 inches
- Sun
- Flowers: Yellow, red, orange
Bachelor’s Button

*Centaurae cyanus*

- Annual (also known as cornflower)
- Height: 12-24 inches
- Sun
- Flowers: Red, pink, blue, white
Cosmos

*Cosmos bipinnatus*

- Annual
- Height: To 48 inches
- Sun
- Flowers: Bright colors
- Airy, variation in height
Salvia

Salvia coccinea

- Annual (may reseed)
- Height: 24 inches with some taller types
- Sun
- Flowers: Red, pink, white
Salvia

Salvia farinacea

- Annual
- Height: 24 inches with some taller types
- Sun
- Flowers: Blue, white
Salvia splendens

- Annual
- Height: 24 inches with some taller types
- Sun
- Flowers: Red, purple, white, coral
Marigold

*Tagetes species*

- Annual
- Height: 6-36 inches
- Sun
- Flowers: Great variety of colors and heights
Pansy

*Viola hybrids*

- Biennial: Best grown as a winter annual
- Height: 6 inches
- Sun, light shade
- Flowers: Many colors, bloom fall through spring
Geranium

Pelargonium species

- Annual
- Height: 20 inches
- Sun
- Flowers: Red, white, salmon, purple
Zinnia

Zinnia haageana

- Annual
- Height: to 8 inches
- Sun
- Various colors and heights
Zinnia

Zinnia elegans

- Annual
- Height: to 36 inches
- Sun
- Many colors, flower forms and heights
Water Zone 4

2 Irrigations per week
Ageratum

*Ageratum houstonianum*

- Annual
- Height: 8-16 inches
- Sun, shade
- Flowers: White, blue
Begonia

*Begonia hybrids*

- Annual (tender perennial)
- Height: to 24 inches
- Shade
- Flowers: Orange, pink, scarlet, yellow, white, lavender
Fibrous Begonia

*Begonia semperflorens*

- Annual
- Height: to 12 inches
- Shade, light shade
- Flowers: Pink, white, red
Celosia

*Celosia argentea*

- **Annual**
- **Height:** Short varieties 6 inches, others to 36
- **Sun**
- Excellent for dried flowers
Clarkia amoena

- Annual
- Height: 24 inches
- Light shade, sun
- Heights and colors vary
Dahlia

*Dahlia species*

- Annual: produces tubers
- Height: 12 inches with some to several feet
- Sun, light shade
- Flowers: various colors and sizes
Impatiens

*Impatiens wallerana*

- Annual
- Height: to 12 inches
- Shade, light sun
- Flowers: Many bright colors and pastels
Monkey Flower

*Mimulus species*

- Annual
- Height: 12 inches
- Shade, light shade
- Like wet soil
Petunia

*Petunia species*

- Annual
- Height: 12 inches
- Sun
- Flowers: All colors
Pincushion Flower

Scabiosa atropurpurea

- Tender Perennial
- Height: 24 inches
- Sun, light shade
- Flowers: White, blue, red
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