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Watering Guide

Water Zone 0

Water Zone 1

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Water Zone 4
Shrubs Under 6 Feet Tall
Water Zone 0

No irrigation

Additional irrigation needed during establishment

Grows faster with additional water
Big Sagebrush

*Artemisia tridentata*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 4 ft. Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun
- Sage fragrance
- Gray-green foliage
Fourwing Saltbush

*Atriplex canescens*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 3 ft. Spread - to 3 ft.
- Sun
- Salt tolerant
- Gray-green foliage
Rubber Rabbitbrush

*Chrysothamnus nauseosus*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 4 ft  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun
- Showy yellow flowers; can be pruned for rounded shape
- Seeds freely
Mormon Tea

*Ephedra viridis*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 3 ft.  Spread - to 5 ft.
- Sun
- Green stems
- Avoid wet soils; do not fertilize
Apache Plume

*Fallugia paradoxa*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 6 ft.  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun
- Persistent purplish plumes
- Tolerates clay soil
New Mexico Privet

*Forestiera neomexicana*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 8 ft.  Spread - to 6 ft.
- Sun
- Blue-black fruit; good screen plant
- Root weevil
Dwarf Smooth Sumac

*Rhus glabra*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 4 ft.  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun
- Heat and drought tolerant
- Suckers freely, avoid clay soils
Skunkbush

*Rhus trilobata*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 6 ft.    Spread - to 6 ft.
- Sun, shade
- Red berries, drought tolerant
- No serious insects or diseases
Adams Needle Yucca

_Yucca filamentosa_

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 2.5 ft. Spread - to 5 ft.
- Sun
- Tall flower spikes appear most years
Water Zone 1

One irrigation per month

Additional irrigation needed during establishment

Grows faster with additional water
Pygmy Pea Shrub

*Caragana pygmaea*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 5 ft. Spread - to 3 ft.
- Sun
- Hardy, drought and alkali tolerant
- No serious pests or diseases
Junipers

*Juniperus sp*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 24 in.  Spread - to 6 ft.
- Sun, shade
- Wide variety; ground cover
- Avoid wet soils
Common Juniper

*Juniperus communis saxatillis*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - 1 ft. Spread - 6 to 8 ft.
- Sun, shade
- Native ground cover; very heat tolerant
- Mites, scales
Creeping Mahonia

_Mahonia repens_

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 18 in.  Spread - to 5 ft.
- Sun, shade
- Drought tolerant ground cover
- Winter burn
Dwarf Mugo Pine

*Pinus mugo*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 4 ft.  Spread - to 6 ft.
- Sun
- Slow growth rate; grafted forms are more reliably dwarfed
- Tip moths
Western Sand Cherry

*Prunus besseyi*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 5 ft.   Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun
- Edible purple fruit
- Tolerates heat, wind, drought
Silver Buffaloberry

*Shepherdia argentea*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 5 ft.  Spread - to 5 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Small sour but edible orange fruits
- Tolerates alkalinity
Common Snowberry

_Symphoricarpos alba_

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 5 ft.  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Shade, sun
- Pink flowers, white berries
- Tolerates, poor soil, neglect
- Rangy plant
Coralberry

*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 5 ft.  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Shade, light sun
- Purple berries
- Plant in well-drained soils
Mountain Snowberry

*Symphoricarpos oreophilus*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 2 ft   Spread - to 3 ft.
- Shade, light sun
- White berries
- Drought tolerant
Water Zone 2

Two irrigations per month

Needs additional water during establishment
Grows faster with additional water
Dwarf Balsam Fir

*Abies balsamea*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 20 ft.  Spread - to 15 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Slow growth rate
- Grows slowly in hot, dry, low elevations
Kinnikinnick

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 12 in. Spread - Ground cover
- Light shade
- Prefers well-drained soil, cold hardy
- Slow growing
William Penn Barberry

*Berberis gladwynensis*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 5 ft.  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun
- Rounded shape, partially deciduous in cold weather
- Very thorny
Mentor Barberry

*Berberis mentorensis*

- Semi-deciduous
- Ht. - to 7 ft.       Spread - to 7 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Bright red fall color; thorns; dull red berries
- Tolerates heat, drought, cold
Japanese Barberry

*Berberis thunbergii*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 6 ft  Spread - to 6 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Tolerates cold, red foliage, colors and heights vary
- Thorns
Blue Mist Spirea

*Caryopteris clandonensis*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 2 ft.  Spread - to 2 ft.
- Sun
- Flowers from July to frost
- Needs mulch for cold protection
Flowering Quince

*Chaenomeles japonica*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - 2 to 6 ft. Spread - 2 to 6 ft.
- Sun
- Salmon, red, white, or purple flowers
- Tolerates cold, heat; most soils
Cranberry Cotoneaster

*Cotoneaster apiculata*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 3 ft. Spread - to 6 ft.
- Sun to light shade
- Red berries, red leaves in fall
- Fire blight
Bearberry Cotoneaster

*Cotoneaster dammeri*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 6 in.  Spread - to 10 ft.
- Sun or partial shade
- Red berries
- Fire blight
Aaron’s Beard

*Hypericum calycinum*

- Semi-evergreen
- Ht. - to 1 ft. Spread - ground cover
- Sun or shade
- Spreads, shrub/ground cover
- Tolerates poor soil
- May be invasive
Golden St. Johnswort

Hypericum frondosum

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 1 ft. Spread - to 2 ft.
- Sun
- Bright yellow flowers all summer
Clavey’s Dwarf Honeysuckle

*Lonicera xylosteum*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 6 ft  Spread - to 6 ft
- Sun
- Small rounded spread
- No serious diseases or insects
Compact Oregon Grape

*Mahonia aquifolium ‘compacta’*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 2 ft.  Spread - Spreads
- Shade, light sun
- Spiny leaves, edible blue-black fruit; drought tolerant
- Protect from wind and sun
Mountain Lover

_Pachistima myrsinites_

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 24 in. Spread - Ground cover
- Shade
- Avoid clay soils
Dwarf Double Mockorange

*Philadelphus virginalis*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - 3 to 6 ft.  Spread - 3 to 6 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Fragrant, double flowers
- No common pest problems
Nest Spruce

*Picea abies*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 5 ft.  Spread - to 10 ft
- Sun
- Dwarf form of Norway spruce
- Mites
Potentilla

*Potentilla fruiticosa*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - 1 to 4 ft. Spread - 1 to 4 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Red, yellow, white, orange flowers
- Tolerates drought, poor soil, heat and cold
Dwarf Flowering Almond

*Prunus glandulosa*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 5 ft.   Spread - to 6 ft.
- Sun
- White or pink double flowers
- Excellent flowering hedge
Alpine Currant

Ribes alpinum

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 4 ft.  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun, shade
- Hedge, grouping; Inconspicuous flowers and fruit
- Water in dry seasons
Golden Currant

Ribes aureum

– Deciduous
– Ht. - to 6 ft    Spread - to 5 ft.
– Sun, shade
– Spicy fragrance; yellow flowers; yellow to red to black berries
– Prefers moderate summer water
Austrian Copper Rose

*Rosa foetida*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 6 ft  Spread -  to 10 ft.
- Sun
- Yellow or orange single flowers on arching canes
- Drought tolerant, likes reflected heat
Rocky Mountain Thimbleberry

*Rubus deliciosus*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - 3 to 5 ft. Spread - to 5 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Single white flowers; red fruit not palatable
- Not heat tolerant
Thimbleberry

*Rubus parviflora*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 3 ft    Spread - to 4 ft
- Sun, light shade
- Red edible fruit
- Not heat tolerant
Miss Kim Lilac

*Syringa patula*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 3 ft. Spread - to 3 ft.
- Sun
- Lavender blue flowers
- Powdery mildew and root weevil
Water Zone 3

One irrigation per week
Butterfly Bush

*Buddleia davidii*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 8 ft.  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun
- Pink, purple, blue, white blossoms
- Regrows each spring;
Petite Butterfly Bush

*Buddleia davidii nanhoensis*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 5 ft.  Spread - to 5 ft.
- Sun
- Assorted flower colors
- Regrows each year
Boxwood

*Buxus microphylla japonica*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 6 ft  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Shade, sun
- Hedge
- Winter burn, spider mites
Dwarf Boxwood

*Buxus sempervirens*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 5 ft  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun, shade
- Excellent hedge shrub
- Not tolerant to alkaline soils or hot summers
Arnold’s Dwarf Forsythia

Forsythia

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 3 ft.  Spread - to 6 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Tolerates difficult climates
- May become overgrown and leggy
Red Confederate Rose

*Hibiscus mutabilis*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 5 ft. Spread - to 6 ft.
- Sun
- Summer flowers open white and turn red by evening
- Often dies back in winter; avoid clay soils
Annabelle Hydrangea

*Hydrangea arborescens*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 4 ft.    Spread - to 3 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- 12 in. clusters white flowers
- Protect in winter, avoid clay soils
Hydrangea

*Hydrangea macrophylla*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 4 ft.  Spread - to 8 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Pink, white, purple, red flowers
- Not extremely cold tolerant -- protect in winter, avoid clay soils
Golden Ninebark

*Physocarpus opulifolius*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 4 ft.  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun, light shade
- Yellow leaves in sunlight, yellow green in shade
Artic Blue Willow

Salix purpurea

- Deciduous
- Ht. - 3 to 5 ft.    Spread - to 5 ft.
- Sun
- Often grown as hedge; blue gray, fine textured
- Requires iron in high pH soils
Spiraea

*Spiraea bumalda*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - 2 to 4 ft.  Spread - to 4 ft.
- Sun
- Pink, red, white
- Summer flowering
Weigela

Weigela florida

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 8 ft.   Spread - to 8 ft.
- Sun
- Pink to rose red flowers
- Avoid clay soils