Landscapes - More than Just the Great Outdoors

Did you know...?

- Landscaping adds an average of 14.8% to a home’s value! Homes with attractive landscaping sell quicker - by as much as five to six weeks.

- Plants control runoff and erosion. They also absorb water, returning it to aquifers. Decreased runoff means less urban flooding.

- The very plants and trees damaged or destroyed by watering bans moderate the effects of harsh climatic conditions.

- As home improvements go, landscaping is an excellent investment.

- Recovery value at selling time can be 100-200%. Trees moderate urban “heat islands” created by extensive paved areas.

- Lawns cool homes, trap dust, absorb noise, and provide outdoor living areas for children and adults. Trees absorb as much as 85% of the sun’s direct heat, and reduce power demand by as much as 59%.

- Temperatures around grassy areas about 25 degrees cooler than around dead grass or concrete.

- Landscaping enhances property values, which adds to the community’s tax base.

- Lawns trap much of an estimated 12 million tons of dust and dirt released annually into the U.S. atmosphere.
# Drought-Resistant Plants

## Perennials (sun):
- Agastache
- Alyssum
- Amsonia
- Artemisia
- Asclepias
- Aster
- Perennial Baby's Breath
- Baptisia
- Black-Eyed Susans (Rudbeckia)
- Boltonia
- Campanula
- Catnip
- Creeping Phlox
- Daylilies
- Dianthus
- Dusty Miller
- Echinops
- Euphorbia
- Fountain Grass
- Festuca
- Gaillardia
- Goldenrod
- Hen and Chicks
- Hibiscus
- Hollyhocks

## Annuals (sun):
- Ageratum
- Alyssum
- Amaranth
- Angelonia
- Annual Baby's Breath
- Celosia
- Cosmos
- Creeping Zinnia (Sanvitalia)
- Dianthus
- Dusty Miller
- Flowering Tobacco (Nicotiana)
- Gazania
- Geranium
- Gloriosa Daisy

## Trees & Shrubs (sun):
- Abelia
- Atlas Cedar
- Barberry
- Bayberry
- Beautybush
- Blue Mist Shrub (Caryopteris)
- Burning Bush
- Butterfly Bush
- Colorado Blue Spruce
- Cotoneaster
- Crabapple
- Crape Myrtle
- Ginkgo
- Green Ash
- Goldenrain Tree
- Honeylocust
- Japanese Pagoda Tree (Sophora)
- Juniper
- Mock Orange
- Mugo Pine
- Nine-Bark
- Potentilla
- Privet
- Pryacantha

## Perennials (part shade):
- Corydalis
- Creeping Phlox
- Daylilies
- Dianthus
- Epimedium (Barrenwort)
- Ferns: Dryopteris, Osmunda, Pellaea, & Pteridium
- Heuchera
- Hosta
- Lamium
- Liriope
- Pulmonaria
- Purple Coneflower
- Santolina
- Verbena

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- Flowering Tobacco (Nicotiana)
- Melampodium
- Nasturtium
- Phlox
- Salvia
- Sunflowers
- Verbena
- Vinca
- Zinnia

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- Abelia
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- Kerria
- Mock Orange
- Privet
- Stewartia
- Viburnum
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- Alyssum
- Marigold
- Melampodium
- Mexican Sunflower
- Nasturtium
- Petunia
- Phlox
- Portulaca
- Salvia
- Strawflower
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## Red and Pin Oaks
- Rugosa and Shrub Roses
- Russian Olive
- Scotch Broom
- St. John's Wort
- Smokebush
- Spirea
- Tree lilac
- Viburnum
- Quince
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