

Succulents



Chalk Dudleya
Dudleya pulverulenta

Base rosette of thick, chalky, gray leaves forms spike of red flowers in spring. Prefers good drainage

and does well in rock areas. 12" h x 12-18" w



Pacific Sedum
Sedum spathulifolium

Attractive circular greenish leaves form rosettes with bright springtime yellow flowers. Does very well in rock gardens or

containers. 4" h x 1' w

Cacti

While all cacti are water conservationists, the following species produce beautiful blossoms.



Showy Stonecrop
Sedum spectabilis

Perennial with showy foliage and late summer flowers of pink, red or white. Prefers sandy, poor

soil that drains well and requires moderate irrigation. Grows in upright clump, best in groups to form tall ground cover or small hedge. 1-2' h x 1' w



Beavertail Cactus
Opuntia basilaris

A favorite for home gardens due to smaller size and large showy bright pink flowers. Prefers

sun, little to no water, and soils that drain well. 2-4' h x 3-4' w

Herbs in Water Efficient Gardens

The climate in our area is perfect for growing Mediterranean herbs. Aside from Rosemary, other low-water herbs include Thyme, Oregano, and Sage.



Rosemary
Rosmarinus officinalis

A tough evergreen shrub with short, narrow green leaves on woody stems with delicate blue flowers. Requires good drainage; pruning encourages new growth.

Porterville's Water Conservation Plan

The City of Porterville has a **four phase water conservation plan** in place to help conserve water resources during times of drought. Each phase has specific regulations in place to help maintain the city's water supply. It is important to be aware of the current phase the city is observing so that our joint water conservation efforts can be more effective.

Voluntary Odd/Even Watering Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Phase I	DO NOT WATER	OK TO WATER					
	—	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN

■ Odd Address
 ■ Even Address
 ■ Outdoor Watering is Prohibited

Mandatory Odd/Even Watering Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Phase II	DO NOT WATER	OK TO WATER					
	—	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN

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Mandatory Odd/Even Watering Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Phase III	DO NOT WATER	OK TO WATER	OK TO WATER	DO NOT WATER	DO NOT WATER	OK TO WATER	OK TO WATER
	—	ODD	EVEN	—	—	ODD	EVEN

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Mandatory Odd/Even Watering Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Phase IV	DO NOT WATER						
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For water conservation phase updates, please visit <http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/>

Gardening During the Drought:

A Selection of California-Native and Drought Tolerant Plants



Creating and Maintaining A Beautiful Garden During Water Shortages



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Plants that will Flourish in California's Central Valley

from *A California-Friendly Guide to Native and Drought Tolerant Plants*

This pamphlet is intended to help beginning and experienced gardeners become familiar with the different varieties of plants that can help reduce water usage while providing a pleasing and attractive landscape.

Slope Stabilization



Blue-eyed Grass
Sisyrinchium bellum

Delicate flowers, abundant from February to May, with grass-like leaves. A perennial, found naturally in grass meadows and other open places, re-seeds easily. A lovely addition

to a dry border and does well in containers with well-draining soil. Likes sun to partial sun exposure. Foliage will die back in summer heat. 1'h x 1'w



California Fuchsia
Zauschneria californica

Reference books may list this as *Epilobium canum*. A very hardy native that can take a lot of abuse, this is commonly found in dry

areas, rocky slopes and cliffs. Abundant, scarlet tubular flowers from July to November, popular with hummingbirds. Likes sun to partialsun exposure, may be used as a ground cover. 2'h x 4'w

Arid Plants



Santa Barbara Ceanothus
Ceanothus impressus

A large shrub with a dense mass of dark wrinkled green leaves, covered with deep blue flower clusters in

early spring, mostly March to April. Requires good drainage and infrequent to no summer watering, can be temperamental, preferring sun to partial sun exposure. 6-10'h x 6-10'w



Tree Poppy
Dendromecon rigida

Large shrub with linear gray foliage and showy bright yellow, poppy-like flowers that bloom from February to June. Thrives in dry,

well-drained soil, can adapt to various soil conditions. Good for banks, roadsides, preferring sun to partial sun exposure. Prune back after flowering to control untidy wild growth pattern. 3-10'h x 4-8'w

Drought Tolerant "Extremists"



Mesa Bushmallow
Malacothamnus fasciculatus

This medium shrub bears many small pink flowers on foot long stems covering the gray-green foliage in the spring and summer. This is a good

slope stabilizer or hedge plant. 3-12'h x 6'w



Matilija Poppy
Romneya coulteri

This perennial shrub may be a bit tricky to get established, but is worth the effort. It requires excellent drainage and lots of

sun. Large 4-6" crinkled flowers appear from spring to summer. Spreads by underground rhizomes. 3-5'h x 8'w

Plants for Paths and Lawn Substitutes



Dymondia Silver Carpet
Dymondia margareta

A ground cover with light gray foliage, yellow summer blooms and deeply rooted. Tolerates light foot traffic. Good for use between

stepping stones. 2-3"h x 20" w



Creeping Wire Vine
Muehlenbeckia nana

This plant spreads by rhizomes to create dense mounds with tiny leaves. It can be mowed yearly and tolerates poor soil and wind. 2"-1'h x 1'w

Replace Your Lawn



Creeping Sage
Salvia sonomensis

Native to the California coast range foothills and Sierra Nevada, it's a mat-forming creeper, evergreen with narrow

leaves and small lavender-blue flowers. Needs excellent drainage and gritty soil. 8-12" h x 3-4' w



Purple Needle Grass
Nassella pulchra

This is the classic native California bunch grass. Deep green leaves; purple seed heads age to a silvery color. 3'h x 2'w



Common Yarrow
Achillea millefolium

This erect plant has narrow gray-green leaves with tiny flat-topped white flower clusters. Spreads by underground runners.