



Plant Select[®]
Smart plants for the right places

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If you're new to our e-newsletter, cheers! For more than 25 years, our non-profit has tested and selected waterwise plants that thrive in the high plains and intermountain regions, so you can create smart, stunning and low maintenance landscapes with a positive environmental impact—no matter what your skill level.



Plant Select demonstration garden at Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

Plant Select's goal is to create smart plant choices for a new American landscape inspired by the Rocky Mountain region

A warm welcome to our newest Plant Select members:

- [Botanical Living, LLC](#) – Broomfield, Colo. – Landscape Professional Member
- Reliable Landscape Maintenance, LLC – Glenwood Springs, Colo. – Landscape Professional Member
- Chad Miller – Individual Ambassador
- Connie Lucero – Individual Ambassador
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And thanks to all who've renewed their memberships!

[Learn how to become a Plant Select member: Landscape Professional, Retail, Wholesale, Mail Order, Local Government or Individual Ambassador](#)

Tips to get the best from chocolate flower: A long-blooming, native plant



Chocolate flower (*Berlandiera lyrata*) is a long-blooming, xeric wildflower that's native to the Southwest and southern Great Plains (including Colorado). It spills over edges and walls like a waterfall, softening hard lines. In the morning, its flowers fill the air with a rich, chocolate aroma.

Watch as Ross Shrigley of Plant Select shares ways to encourage this shorter-lived perennial to fill in and look its best. Plus, get tips on how to trim it in the spring.

[Watch this quick video](#)

It's baaaack... Our annual garden center event is May 27!



Garden Wiser With Plant Select



Check out our “Garden Wiser With Plant Select” event on **Saturday, May 27 from 9 am–noon** at participating garden centers across the Colorado Front Range and Wyoming. Master gardeners will be ready to answer questions about waterwise gardening and Plant Select.

You'll have a chance to buy Plant Select's new perennials and shrubs for 2023—beautiful, tough plants that thrive in the high plains and intermountain regions.

[See participating garden centers here](#)

HOAs: Ways to build fire resilience into your landscapes

Waterwise landscapes can be firewise too!

Is your HOA community located in a **wildland-urban interface**? (This is the transition area between unoccupied land and human development.) Would your community simply like to be more proactive with fire safety?

If yes, you may want to think about how to make your landscapes more firewise at the same time you make them more waterwise. The two can go hand in hand! Here are a few fire safety tips to keep in mind as you reimagine your landscapes.



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Photos: Plant Select plants in different fire defense zones at an [Idaho Firewise Demonstration Garden](#) in Boise, Idaho. Credit: Andrea Dorman

How the Town of Erie, Colorado, is making its municipal landscapes more waterwise

Along the way, it's inspiring the next generation of gardeners!

When you start a waterwise landscaping project, you never imagine the Girl Scouts will take an interest, but that's what happened in the Town of Erie, Colorado during the summer of 2022.

Erie is a growing community of 31,000+ residents in northern Colorado. It prides itself on its small town feel and sense of community.

Kelly Hogan is the horticulture technician for Erie. Kelly and her forestry and turf colleagues have been digging into ways to make their landscapes more waterwise, including using xeric and native plants.



[See the full story](#)

Save your seat for the Plant Select Annual Conference

Early bird tickets available through April 30

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023
Location: Denver Botanic Gardens | Denver, Colo.
One-day event: All plant

enthusiasts are welcome!

Get inspired with talks on:

- **Untapped native species for the Rocky Mountains:** Dr. Jennifer Ackerfield (author of "Flora of Colorado")
- **Selling sustainability:** Cynthia Bee (Localscapes, Utah)
- **Creating fire-resilient landscapes:** Andrea Dorman (Idaho Firewise)
- **Behind-the-scenes insights into botanic gardens:** Mike Bone, Mike Kintgen and Grace Johnson of Denver Botanic Gardens



Sponsors: Colorado State University, Denver Botanic Gardens, Northern Water

[Learn about the conference](#)

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Upcoming landscaping events that may interest you

[Best Trees and Shrubs for Utah](#)

Thursday, March 30

Conservation Garden Park | West Jordan, Utah

(live webinar)

[Rebuilding Abundance: Creating Dynamic Plant Systems](#)

A Design Conference With Thomas Rainer

Friday, March 31

Longmont, Colo. (in-person)

[Best Perennials and Grasses for Utah](#)

Thursday, April 6

Conservation Garden Park | West Jordan, Utah

(live webinar)



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