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Smart plants for the right places

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

Autumn Amber three-leaf sumac

A tough-as-nails groundcover shrub with lovely fall beauty

Three-leaf sumac (*Rhus trilobata*) is one of the most common native shrubs found across the western United States, thriving on hot, dry hillsides. What makes 'Autumn Amber' special is that it stays low to the ground, rarely growing above a foot tall!

Autumn Amber is an excellent addition to xeric landscapes or places with challenging irrigation, like medians, slopes and park strips (aka, hell strips). It looks beautiful cascading over walls or boulders.

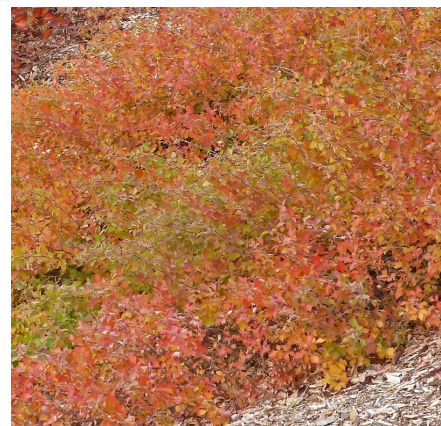
This woody groundcover is easy to establish, a vigorous grower and ideal for use as a living mulch.

During the summer, Autumn Amber has glossy, dark green leaves. In the fall, the leaves often turn amber or yellow (depending on the season), falling off for winter. In the late spring, delicate clusters of tiny flowers emerge that attract native bees.

Conditions: Dry to xeric. Sandy soil, loam or well-drained clay. Full to part sun. Zones 4–8.

Success tips:

- Give Autumn Amber plenty of room to spread.
- Water this plant well its first year to get it established. Then, stop irrigating this plant. (You'll save water and keep the plant from growing too big.)
- If desired, trim branches back in late May after it flowers. Rake or blow out any leaf debris from the previous season. (Very little maintenance is needed.)



[Learn more about Autumn Amber](#)



In the garden with Grace 4 grasses and perennials for fall beauty

Sure, it's October, but that doesn't mean your plants have to stop showing off! In this video, Horticulturist Grace Johnson of Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms explores 4 waterwise plants for fall, so you can add texture, color and movement to your autumn landscapes.

[Watch this short video](#)

Creating a fire-resistant landscape

How Idaho Firewise is helping homeowners plan ahead for fire—and Plant Select plants play a role

As western gardeners, we have a unique set of decisions when we choose plants: drought tolerance, durability for our local climates, native pollinator benefits and for many of us...

Fire resistance.

And this is just one of the reasons why Plant Select is so excited to collaborate with Idaho Firewise.

[Idaho Firewise, Inc.](#) is a western non-profit that's leading the way on wildland fire education. It helps Idaho residents and visitors reduce losses from wildfire and understand how wildfire plays a role in ecosystems. It also partners extensively with other organizations on educational outreach.

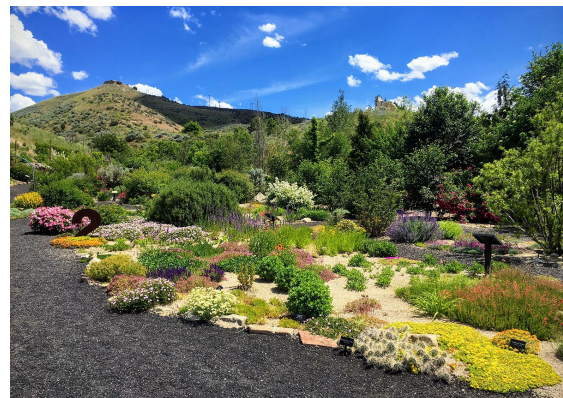
(We've found it to be a generous resource for Coloradans following the Marshall Fire over the last year!)

The Idaho Firewise Garden in Boise—home to our newest **Plant Select Demonstration Garden**—opened to the public in 2008.

It showcases more 350 plant species, including many Plant Select plants. The plants are strategically placed to demonstrate how to best incorporate plant material through a landscape with fire resilience in mind.



Members of the southern Idaho team of Idaho Firewise: Andrea Dorman, Monica Jones (intern) and Brett Van Paepeghem



Keep reading for tips on fire-resilient landscapes >

Upcoming events that may interest you

[Water Conservation Symposium](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Mile High Station, Denver

[Arbor Valley Fall Networkship](#)

Thursday, Oct. 27

P.A.C.E. Center, Parker, Colorado

CEUs available

[Colorado Landscape Summit](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Metropolitan State University, Denver

[Colorado Pollinator Summit](#)



Wednesday, Nov. 9
Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver

Save the date

Idaho Horticulture Expo | Jan. 18–20, 2023 | Boise
Utah Green Conference & Trade Show Jan. 23–25, 2023 | Salt Lake City
ProGreen Expo | Jan. 31–Feb. 2, 2023 | Denver
Rocky Mountain Green Expo | Feb. 15–16, 2022 | Casper

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