

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.

Garden art photo courtesy of Ursula Rogers



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:

- [Legacy Landscape Design](#) – South Ogden, Utah – Landscape Professional Member
- Christine Lucey – Individual Ambassador
- Debra Consigli – Individual Ambassador
- Joseph Vossmer – Individual Ambassador
- Jon Fore – Individual Ambassador
- Karla Leclaire Castro – Individual Ambassador
- Kathy Gallivan – Individual Ambassador
- Nancy Petruso – Individual Ambassador
- Steve Martin – Individual Ambassador

And thanks to all who've renewed their memberships!

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A xeric native grass that adds impressive structure to landscapes



Giant sacaton (*Sporobolus wrightii*) creates a beautiful focal point in xeric landscapes.

Native to the southwestern United States (Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and California), it's naturally found in dry shrublands and the desert.

This big, showy grass adds impressive structure to gardens. The golden seed heads can easily reach five to seven feet, making it a great replacement for non-native, water-loving grasses like

maiden grass (*Miscanthus*) or aggressive pampas grass (*Cortaderia*).

Success tips:

- Plant it in hot, sunny spots where it has room to spread out and grow.
- Leave the seed heads for winter interest and bird foraging.
- Cut it back to about one foot in the spring to encourage a beautiful shape.
- Plant drought-tolerant spring bulbs nearby for early season color.



While this warm season grass puts on a show in late summer and early fall, it's often best planted in late spring and early summer.

Add it to your 2024 plant list!

[More about this western grass](#)



Does Plant Select have straight species native plants?

Yes, we have a variety of straight species native plants. These plants occur naturally in the wild and are grown from seed. Here's a look at 25 of our favorites.

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In the Garden With Grace

Low growing, waterwise groundcovers for late summer



Looking for low growing, low water, low maintenance plants for borders, retaining walls or crevice gardens?

Watch as Horticulturist **Grace Johnson** of [Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms](#) shares interesting groundcovers and petite perennials you can find in the Chatfield Farms gardens in mid to late summer.

[Watch this video](#)



Improve your watering efficiency with these irrigation innovations

Today's irrigation systems have gotten smart. They use technology that adapts to our western winds, soils and weather, and products that water our landscapes more efficiently.

If you'd like to use less water and save money on your water bill, check out our recent article for *Colorado Builder* magazine on "Smart Irrigation for Residential Landscapes."

[See the article >](#)

*Our thanks to Irrigation Specialist **Eric Olson**, CID, CLIA, of [Fort Collins Utilities](#) for sharing his insights with us!*

How to switch your overhead spray to drip irrigation

Do you have narrow or awkward landscape beds that are set up on overhead spray irrigation? These areas can be tough to water efficiently!

You may be spraying your plants' leaves (and nearby sidewalks), rather than watering your plants' roots. Plus, you can end up with unsightly hard water stains on nearby fences and walls.



In this short video, the [LocalScapes](#) team at [Conservation Garden Park](#) in Utah shares how to convert overhead sprayheads into drip irrigation with minimal fuss.

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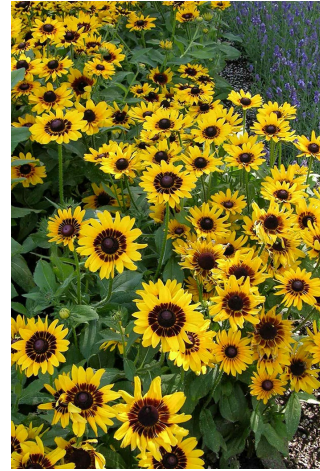
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