## DROUGHT TOLERANT ANNUALS

Once established, many annual flowers can tolerate periods of drought. However, they will need regular watering for the first few weeks after planting. Most of these plants are also heat tolerant and will perform well in areas such as along a south or west wall in full sun.

When planting, always start with quality plants and water them as you plant them with a root stimulator fertilizer according to label directions. This will help prevent transplant shock and get the roots growing more rapidly. Additional applications of root stimulator at 1-2 week intervals for the first month is also beneficial.

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**ANGELONIA:** Beautiful easy-care plant for full sun. Grows 15-18" tall with flowers on upright stems. Heat and drought tolerant.

**DUSTY MILLER:** Excellent border and bedding plant. Soft gray leaves provide a nice contrast for most flowers. Grows 8-14" tall and although grown as an annual, it often comes back.

*GAZANIA:* This drought tolerant flower prefers hot locations. The blossoms are yellow, orange, red and bronze. Blooms from July until frost.

**GERANIUM, IVY-LEAVED:** Very wide variety of colors on trailing plants with waxy green leaves. Prefers to get a little dry between waterings.

**NIEREMBERGIA:** Beautiful easy-care plant for full sun. Grows 15-18" tall with flowers on upright stems. Heat and drought tolerant.

**PORTULACA (MOSS ROSE):** Excellent border and bedding plant. Soft gray leaves provide a nice contrast for most flowers. Grows 8-14" tall and although grown as an annual, it often comes back.

**SALVIA:** Red, white, purple or blue flower spikes on 12-18" plants. Grows well in full sun or part shade. Somewhat drought tolerant, excellent heat tolerance.

**VINCA (ANNUAL):** Shades of pink, white and rose blooming on 8-12" plants. With stands heat and drought well but prefers consistent watering. Several AAS winners are available.

## **HEAT TOLERANT BUT NOT DROUGHT TOLERANT:**



**CELOSIA** 

**DAHLIA** 

**PETUNIA** 

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ZINNIA



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