

Easy Care Plant Selection

- ✿ Remember to always match plant needs to the area they are planted: dry or wet; sun, partial sun, or shade; and space available.
- ✿ Choose plants that grow naturally in your area and adapt to your climate and soil.
- ✿ Shrubs generally require less maintenance than perennial flowers, but avoid shrubs that bloom only on new wood and require annual pruning.
- ✿ Perennial flowers usually require less maintenance than annuals.
- ✿ Grasses usually require little care once established, but avoid invasive grasses.
- ✿ Use groundcover plants or mulch to reduce the need for weeding.
- ✿ Avoid plants that provide food for wildlife.

✿ EASY CARE PLANTS, IN GENERAL:

- have a long bloom time and are not short lived;
- are cold hardy for our area (exception would be annuals);
- are disease and pest resistant;
- do not need dividing each year or so to remain healthy and flower;
- do not require staking to remain upright;
- do not need deadheading to continue to flower;
- do not go to seed, requiring removal each spring;
- do not require pinching to develop and maintain shape;
- do not spread rapidly or require pulling or digging up to maintain.