

## Perennials

<i>Achillea</i> spp. ....	<b>Yarrow*</b>
<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i> .....	Naked Lady
<i>Aquilegia</i> spp. ....	Columbine
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> .....	Basket of Gold
<i>Allysum</i> .....	Allysum
<i>Briza media</i> .....	Quaking Grass
<i>Brodiaea</i> spp. ....	Brodiaea
<i>Centaurea acineraria</i> .....	<b>Dusty Miller*</b>
<i>Centranthus ruber</i> .....	<b>Red Valerian*</b>
<i>Coreopsis</i> spp. ....	<b>Coreopsis*</b>
<i>Crocasmia</i> hybrids (aka <i>Tritonia</i> ) .....	Montbretia
<i>Dietes bicolor</i> and <i>D. iridoides</i> .....	<b>Fortnight Lily*</b>
<i>Epilobium</i> spp. (aka <i>Zauschneria</i> ) .....	California Fuchsia
<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i> .....	Fleabane
<i>Eriogonum</i> spp. ....	Buckwheat
<i>Erodium chrysanthum</i> .....	Cranesbill
<i>Erysimum</i> spp. ....	Wallflower
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> .....	California Poppy
<i>Fescue glauca</i> .....	Blue Fescue
<i>Gaillardia grandiflora</i> .....	Blanket Flower
<i>Iris douglasiana</i> .....	Pacific Coast Iris
<i>Iris</i> spp. (bearded varieties) .....	<b>Bearded Iris***</b>
<i>Ixia</i> spp. ....	African Corn Lily
<i>Lantana montevidensis</i> .....	<b>Lantana*</b>
<i>Lavandula perzil</i> .....	<b>Sea Lavender*</b>
<i>Limonium</i> spp. ....	Statice
<i>Linum</i> spp. ....	Flax
<i>Mimulus</i> spp. (shrubby forms) .....	<b>Monkey Flower*</b>
<i>Muscari macrocarpum</i> .....	Grape Hyacinth
<i>Narcissus</i> spp. ....	Daffodil
<i>Nepeta</i> spp. ....	Catmint
<i>Oenothera speciosa</i> .....	Mexican Evening Primrose
<i>Pelargonium x hortorum</i> .....	Garden Geranium
<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i> .....	Black Pennisetum
<i>Penstemon</i> spp. (native, non-hybrid) .....	Penstemon
<i>Romneya coulteri</i> .....	Matilija Poppy
<i>Salvia</i> spp. (select varieties) .....	Sage
<i>Scilla peruviana</i> .....	Peruvian Bluebell
<i>Senecio cineraria</i> .....	Dusty Miller
<i>Stachys byzantina</i> .....	<b>Lamb's Ears*</b>
<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i> .....	Feverfew
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> .....	Germander
<i>Verbena</i> spp. (most varieties) .....	Verbena
<i>Watsonia</i> spp. ....	Watsonia

## Reference Information

We used the 1999 version of WUCOLS (Water Use Classification of Landscape Species) as our reference. The plants on our list were classified at that time in WUCOLS as needing low or very low amounts of irrigation water in our area.

For additional information regarding WUCOLS or to search through the full listing of plant types by their watering need based on your location, please follow this link:

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>

The Sonoma County Master Gardeners has a plant list available to view as well. You can view it at this link:

<http://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/files/189814.pdf>

Even though no plants are fireproof, fire-wise plants can be used in landscaping for fire prevention. Plants listed as fire-wise in this list are referenced from the following brochure:

[Living with Fire in Sonoma County – A Guide for the Homeowner](#)



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# Low Water-Use Plants for Santa Rosa Gardens



The plants listed here are low water use, requiring only 1/3 the water of lawns (or approximately 12" of irrigation a year once established).

Not all of the plants on this list are right for every garden, so please be sure to talk to your local nursery center or use a reference guide to find specific information about a plant's mature size and preferred exposure and other needs like soil type and drainage.

Low Water-Use plants that are known to become invasive in Sonoma County have been omitted from the list.

No two plants have the same botanical name, but some common names have been given to more than one plant. For accuracy when looking up plant specifics or purchasing a plant, use the botanical name.

How to read this list:

- Botanical name (*italics*)
- Common name (regular type)
- Fire-Wise plants (**bold\***)

### Large Trees (over 40')

<i>Cedrus deodara</i> -.....	Deodar Cedar
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> .....	Italian Cypress
<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> .....	Tanbark Oak
<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus</i> .....	Catalina Ironwood
<i>Melia azedarach</i> .....	Chinaberry
<i>Pinus spp.</i> (most varieties) .....	Pine
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i> .....	<b>Coast Live Oak *</b>
<i>Quercus ilex</i> .....	<b>Holly Oak*</b>
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i> .....	<b>California Black Oak*</b>
<i>Quercus lobata</i> .....	<b>Valley Oak*</b>
<i>Quercus suber</i> .....	<b>Cork Oak*</b>
<i>Robinia spp.</i> .....	Locust

### Small Trees (up to 40')

<i>Albizia julibrissin</i> .....	Silk Tree
<i>Arbutus 'Marina'</i> .....	Marina Arbutus
<i>Arbutus unedo</i> .....	<b>Strawberry Tree*</b>
<i>Celtis spp.</i> .....	Hackberry
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i> .....	Carob
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i> .....	<b>Western Redbud*</b>
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i> .....	<b>Mountain Ironwood*</b>
<i>Corylus spp.</i> .....	Hazlenut
<i>Diosporus kaki</i> .....	Japanese Persimmon
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> .....	Russian Olive
<i>Eryobotrya japonica</i> .....	Loquat
<i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> .....	<b>Pineapple Guava*</b>
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> .....	Crepe Myrtle
<i>Laurus nobilis</i> .....	Sweet Bay
<i>Laurus 'Saratoga'</i> .....	Saratoga Bay
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> .....	Glossy Privet
<i>Olea europea</i> .....	European Olive
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i> .....	<b>Chinese Pistache*</b>
<i>Pittosporum spp.</i> .....	<b>Mock Orange*</b>
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i> .....	Holly Leaf Cherry
<i>Prunus spp.</i> (plums) .....	Plum/Prune
<i>Rhus lancea</i> .....	<b>African Sumac*</b>
<i>Ziziphus jujuba</i> .....	Chinese Jujube

### Large Shrubs (10' to 20')

<i>Buddleja spp.</i> .....	Butterfly Bush
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i> .....	Western Spice Bush
<i>Carpenteria californica</i> .....	<b>Bush Anenome*</b>
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i> .....	Western Redbud
<i>Chaenomeles spp.</i> .....	Flowering Quince
<i>Cotinus coggygria</i> .....	Smoke Tree
<i>Cotoneaster lacteus</i> .....	Clusterberry Cotoneaster
<i>Dodonea viscosa</i> .....	Hopseed Bush
<i>Echium spp.</i> .....	<b>Echium or Priedrot*</b>
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> .....	Silverberry
<i>Fremontodendron spp.</i> .....	Flannel Bush
<i>Garrya elliptica</i> .....	<b>Coast Silktassel*</b>
<i>Hakea suaveolens</i> .....	Sweet Hakea
<i>Ilex spp.</i> .....	Holly
<i>Juniperus chinensis 'torulosa'</i> .....	Hollywood Juniper
<i>Lavatera aassurgentiflora</i> .....	<b>Malva Rose*</b>
<i>Myrica californica</i> .....	Pacific Wax Myrtle
<i>Nerium oleander</i> .....	<b>Oleander*</b>
<i>Osteospermum fruticosum</i> .....	Trailing African Daisy
<i>Philadelphus mexicanus</i> .....	Evergreen Mock Orange
<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i> .....	Golden Bamboo
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> .....	<b>Mock Orange*</b>
<i>Prunus carolina</i> .....	Carolina Laurel Cherry
<i>Prunus lusitanica</i> .....	Portugal Laurel
<i>Punica granatum</i> .....	<b>Pomegranate*</b>
<i>Pyracantha "Santa Cruz"</i> .....	<b>Firethorn*</b>
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i> .....	<b>Italian Buckthorn*</b>
<i>Rhamnus californica</i> .....	<b>California Coffeeberry*</b>
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i> .....	<b>Lemonade Berry*</b>
<i>Rhus ovata</i> .....	Sugar Bush
<i>Simmondsia chinensis</i> .....	<b>Jojoba*</b>
<i>Xylosma congestum</i> .....	Shiny Xylosma

### Low Shrubs

<i>Arctostaphylos spp.</i> .....	Manzanita
<i>Berberis spp</i> .....	Barberry
<i>Ceanothus spp.</i> .....	<b>California Lilac*</b>
<i>Cistus spp.</i> .....	Rockrose
<i>Convolvulus cneorum</i> .....	Bush Morning Glory
<i>Correa spp.</i> .....	Australian Fuchsia
<i>Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve'</i> .....	Wallflower
<i>Euryops pectinatus</i> .....	Shrub Daisy
<i>Grevillea spp.</i> .....	Grevillea
<i>Halimium lasianthum</i> .....	Sunrose
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i> .....	Ocean Spray
<i>Juniperus spp</i> .....	Juniper
<i>Lantana spp.</i> .....	Lantana

### Low Shrubs (continued)

<i>Lavandula spp</i> .....	Lavender
<i>Lavatera spp.</i> .....	Bush/Tree Mallow
<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i> .....	California Privet
<i>Loropetalum chinensis</i> .....	Fringe Flower
<i>Mahonia spp.</i> (most var.) .....	Oregon Grape/Mahonia
<i>Myrsine africana</i> .....	African Boxwood
<i>Myrtus communis</i> .....	True Myrtle
<i>Nandina domestica</i> .....	Heavenly Bamboo
<i>Phormium tenax</i> .....	New Zealand Flax
<i>Pinus mugo</i> .....	Mugo Pine
<i>Plumbago auriculata</i> .....	Cape Plumbago
<i>Raphiolepis indica</i> .....	Indian Hawthorne
<i>Raphiolepis unbellata</i> .....	Yeddo Hawthorne
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i> .....	Evergreen Currant
<i>Rosa rugosa</i> .....	Japanese Rosa
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> .....	Rosemary
<i>Salvia greggii</i> (all var.) .....	Autumn Sage
<i>Salvia leucantha</i> .....	Mexican Bush Sage
<i>Santolina spp.</i> .....	Lavender Cotton
<i>Sarcococca ruscifolia</i> .....	Fragrant Sarcococca
<i>Symphoricarpus albus</i> .....	Snowberry
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i> .....	Lilac
<i>Teucrium fruticans</i> .....	Bush Germander
<i>Westringia spp.</i> .....	Westringia

### Ground Covers

<i>Artemisia spp.</i> .....	Sagebrush
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> (dwarf cultivars) .....	Dwarf Coyote
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i> .....	Dwarf Plumbago
<i>Chamaemelum nobile</i> .....	Chamomile
<i>Convolvulus mauritanicus</i> .....	Ground Morning Glory
<i>Coprosma x kirkii</i> .....	<b>Creeping Coprosma*</b>
<i>Echeveria spp.</i> .....	<b>Hens &amp; Chicks*</b>
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i> .....	Sunrose
<i>Juniperus spp.</i> (prostrate var.).....	Prostrate Juniper
<i>Osteospermum spp.</i> .....	African Trailing Daisy
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> .....	Prostrate Rosemary

### Vines

<i>Campsis spp.</i> .....	Trumpet Creeper
<i>Jasminum mesnyi</i> .....	Primrose Jasmine
<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i> .....	Cat's Claw Vine
<i>Polygonum aubertii</i> .....	Silver Lace Vine
<i>Rosa banksiae</i> .....	Lady Banks Rose
<i>Rosa Cecil Brunner</i> (climbing var.) .....	Cecil Brunner Rose
<i>Vitis spp.</i> .....	Grape