



City of La Habra

Recommended Plant and Tree List

Welcome to the Recommended Plant and Tree List, provided to you by the City of La Habra! Thank you for considering replacing your current "thirsty" plants with those that have a lower need for water. The trees and plants listed are by no means exclusive, however, provide a basic list of "tried and true" materials for our area. Here are some additional pointers and definitions to assist you in choosing the right plants for your yard or garden:

- Choose planting locations based on the amount of sunlight and or water needed for the plant to thrive. Plants and trees with similar watering needs should be grouped together.
- Water any new plant or tree immediately after planting and continue to give the plant more water than usual and fertilize as needed while the plant is growing and acclimating. "California Native" and "Drought tolerant" plants and trees still need to be watered, particularly when they are first planted.
- Proper maintenance of "California Native" and "Drought tolerant" plants is required, including pruning and preventing overgrowth.
- Consult with a local nursery or landscape architect for plant-specific requirements.
- "California Native" are those species which occur naturally in the state and are acclimated to the local environment.
- "Deciduous" refers to plants or trees that drop most of their leaves at some time during the year, usually in autumn.
- "Drought Tolerant" describes plants that tolerate low water climates and are climate-adapted to arid regions.
- "Evergreen" describes plants that maintain most of their leaves throughout the year.

Once again, thank you for considering using low-water use plants and reducing your water bill. Happy Gardening!

Trees

Description



Arbutus unedo (Strawberry Tree)

- ✓ Low water use tree
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows between 20 to 40 feet tall
- ✓ Slow to moderate growth rate



Brachychiton acerifolius (Bottle Tree)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows up to 50 feet tall
- ✓ Slow to moderate growth



Chitalpa tashkentensis (Chitalpa)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Deciduous
- ✓ Grows between 20 to 30 feet tall
- ✓ Pink trumpet shaped flowers



Cinnamomum camphora (Camphor Tree)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows over 50 feet tall
- ✓ Requires large space, grows massive



Eucalyptus citriodora (Lemon-scented Gum)

- ✓ Drought tolerant, once established
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows up to 100 feet tall
- ✓ Rapid growth rate



Eucalyptus torquata (Coral Gum)

- ✓ Moderately drought tolerant
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows up to 20 feet tall
- ✓ Moderately fast growth rate



Fraxinus velutina (Arizona Ash)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Deciduous
- ✓ Grows up to 50 feet tall
- ✓ Yellow foliage in fall



Geijera parviflora (Australian Willow)

- ✓ Low water use, once established
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows up to 40 feet tall
- ✓ Moderate growth rate



Lagerstroemia indica (Crape Myrtle)

- ✓ Drought tolerant, once established
- ✓ Deciduous
- ✓ Grows between 20 to 30 feet tall
- ✓ Good accent tree for small areas



Melaleuca quinquenervia (Cajeput Tree)

- ✓ Moderately drought tolerant
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows up to 40 feet tall
- ✓ Suitable for 5' x 5' cutouts



Pinus canariensis (Canary Island Pine)

- ✓ Drought tolerant, once established
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows between 60 to 80 feet tall
- ✓ Requires 10 to 20 foot medians



Pinus halepensis (Aleppo Pine)

- ✓ Drought tolerant, once established
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows between 30 to 60 feet tall
- ✓ Requires 10 to 20 foot medians



Platanus acerifolia (London Plane Tree)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Deciduous
- ✓ Grows up to 60 feet tall
- ✓ Requires large area



Pyrus kawakamii (Evergreen Pear)

- ✓ Low water use, once established
- ✓ Semi-evergreen
- ✓ Grows between 20 to 30 feet tall
- ✓ Heavy blooming in spring



Quercus agrifolia (California Live Oak)

- ✓ California Native
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows up to 70 feet tall
- ✓ Requires large area



Raphiolepis (Raphiolepis)

- ✓ Low water use, once established
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows up to 12 feet tall
- ✓ Good accent tree for small areas



Tristania conferta (Brisbane Box)

- ✓ Drought resistant, when established
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Grows up to 60 feet tall
- ✓ Moderate to fast growth

Shrubs

Description



Abelia grandiflora (Glossy Abelia)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Medium sized shrub
- ✓ Can be used to create a hedge



Agave americana (Century Plant)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Large sized shrub
- ✓ Spines on leaves



Agapanthus africanus (Lily-of-the-Nile)

- ✓ Low to moderate water use
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Flower stalks up to 3 feet high



Aloe species (Aloe)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Small to medium sized shrub
- ✓ Spines on leaves



Amorpha canescens (False Indigo)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Small sized shrub



Archillea millefolium (Common Yarrow)

- ✓ California Native
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Small sized shrub



Arctostaphylos edmundsii (Little Sur Manzanita)

- ✓ California Native
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Small to medium sized shrub
- ✓ Does well in heavy soils



Caesalpinia pulcherrima (Red Bird of Paradise)

- ✓ Little to Moderate Water
- ✓ May be Evergreen in Mild Winters
- ✓ Fast, dense growth to 10 feet tall and wide
- ✓ Dark green leaves with many 3/4 inch leaflets



Callistemon citrinus (Dwarf Bottle Brush)

- ✓ Low to Moderate Water
- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Grows up to 3 feet tall
- ✓ Bright red 4 inch long brushes



Carpenteria californica (Bush Anemone)

- ✓ Little to Moderate Water
- ✓ Thick-narrow long leaves 2 to 4 1/2 inches
- ✓ Grows slowly up to 4 to 6 feet high



Ceanothis 'Concha' (California Lilac)

- ✓ California Native
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Large sized shrub
- ✓ Blooms in spring to early summer



Cercis occidentalis (California Redbud)

- ✓ California Native
- ✓ Very drought tolerant
- ✓ Shrub or Small tree 10-18 feet tall



Epilobium canum/califonica (California Fuchsia)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ California native
- ✓ Can also be used as groundcover
- ✓ Many different versions of the same species



Heteromeles arbutifolia (Toyon)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Full Sun or Partial Shade
- ✓ Can grow as a shrub or a tree



Lavandula dentata (French Lavender)

- ✓ Drought tollerant
- ✓ 3 to 4 feet tall, 4 to 6 feet wide
- ✓ Narrow green or gray leaves are 1 1/2 inches long



Ligustrum (Privet Species)

- ✓ Low water use, once established
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Medium to large sized shrub
- ✓ Used for creating hedges



Mimulus (Monkeyflower)

- ✓ Water and sun exposure varies by species
- ✓ Two-tipped flower
- ✓ "Bifidus," "longiflorus," and "rutilusall" thrive in full sun/partial shade with little water



Penstemon palmeri (Beard Tongue)

- ✓ California Native
- ✓ Little to Moderate water
- ✓ Partial shade in the hottest climates
- ✓ 4 to 6 feet tall and 2 to 3 feet wide



Pittosporum sp. (Pittosporum)

- ✓ Low water use once established
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Medium to large sized shrub
- ✓ Used for creating hedges



Raphiolepis indica (Pink Indian Hawthorn)

- ✓ Low water use once established
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Medium to large sized shrub
- ✓ Used for creating hedges



Rosmarinus officinalis (Rosemary)

- ✓ Little to moderate water in full sun
- ✓ Some species are hardier than others
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Becomes woody with age



Salvia (Sage)

- ✓ Low water use
- ✓ Water and sun exposure varies between species
- ✓ Fire resistant

Groundcover

Description



Carpobrotus edulis (Ice Plant, Hottentot Fig)

- ✓ Little to moderate water
- ✓ Succulent leaves
- ✓ Can rot in very wet conditions and can suffer dieback without water during growth period



Cephalophyllum 'Red Spike' (Red Spike Ice Plant)

- ✓ Full sun or partial shade
- ✓ Moderate to regular water
- ✓ Provide supplemental water during active growth bloom



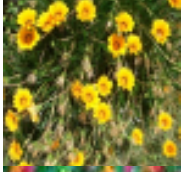
Cistus salvifolius (White Dwarf Rockrose)

- ✓ Little to no water in full sun
- ✓ Wide spreading shrub 2 feet high and 6 feet wide
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Good bank or ground cover for rough situations



Fragaria chilolensis (Wild Strawberry)

- ✓ Low to moderate water
- ✓ Perennial ornamental strawberry
- ✓ Afternoon shade in the hottest climates
- ✓ Regular water



Gazania spp. (Gazania)

- ✓ Moderate to regular water
- ✓ Perennials, some grown as annuals
- ✓ Sun exposure varies by species



Lantana spp. (Lantana)

- ✓ Low water use
- ✓ Some shade in the hottest climates
- ✓ Excellent ground cover
- ✓ Tends to "mound"



Senecio serpens (Blue Chalk Fingers)

- ✓ Drought tollerant
- ✓ Succulent
- ✓ Excellent ground cover
- ✓ Rapidly spreads

Vines

Description



Bougainvillea (Bougainvillea)

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Does not cling to walls - needs to be affixed
- ✓ Thorns deter climbing



Ficus pumila (Creeping Fig)

- ✓ Low water use
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Clings to walls
- ✓ Should be kept cut short and close to wall



Hedera helix (English Ivy)

- ✓ Low water use in shady areas
- ✓ Evergreen
- ✓ Will cling to walls
- ✓ May damage exterior stucco walls



Lonicera sempervirens (Trumpet Honeysuckle)

- ✓ Low water use
- ✓ Rampant grower
- ✓ Should be supported by fence - does not cling to walls
- ✓ Full sun or partial shade



Macfadyena unguis-cati (Cat Claw Vine)

- ✓ Drought-resistant
- ✓ Vigorous grower
- ✓ Prefers full sun
- ✓ Will cling to walls and fences



Wisteria spp. (Wisteria)

- ✓ Little to moderate water
- ✓ Twining woody vines of great size with a long life and beautiful flowers
- ✓ Should be supported by trellis or arbor
- ✓ Full sun