

Water Wise No - Water Plant List

for Cochise County, Arizona



The following plants can be used in a landscape with **no supplemental water once established**. Establishment takes about 1 year for groundcovers, wildflowers and grass, 2 years for shrubs and 3 years for trees. Catch rainwater to water plants. Contour your yard with dips (swales) and shallow catchment basins to catch rainwater and create berms to direct water to planted areas. Dig deep wide holes and fill them with coarse gravel to store water in the ground around plants. Install catchment containers for roof run-off. 1,000 sqft of collection area can yield 600 gallons in a 1 inch rain. Think big.

No Supplemental Water Plants

Common name

Scientific name

GROUND COVER/WILDFLOWERS

*Arizona Blue Eyes, 1	<i>Evolvulus arizonicus</i>
*Arizona Poppy, 1	<i>Kallstroemia grandiflora</i>
*Bahia, 1	<i>Bahia absinthifolia</i>
*Desert Zinnia, 1	<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>

SHRUBS

*Agave - A, FR, 1	<i>Agave spp.</i>
*Apache Plume, 1	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>
*Desert Broom, male, E, 1	<i>Baccharis sarothroides</i>
*Desert Spoon, A, E, FL, 1	<i>Dasylyrion spp.</i>
Hollyleaf Redberry, E, 1	<i>Rhamnus ilicifolia</i>
*Silk Tassel, E, FR, 1	<i>Garrya wrightii</i>

SMALL PATIO TREES (10' to 25')

Hollyleaf Redberry, E, 1	<i>Rhamnus ilicifolia</i>
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CACTI

All appropriate members of the cacti family, FR, 1

Very Low Water Plants

Common name

Scientific name

GROUND COVER/WILDFLOWERS

*Buckwheat, E, FL, 1-3	<i>Eriogonum spp.</i>
*Fairy Duster, FR, 1-2	<i>Calliandra spp.</i>
Juniper, E, FL, 1-3	<i>Juniperus spp.</i>
*Milkweed, E (some), 1-3	<i>Asclepias spp.</i>
*Paper Flower, E, 1-2	<i>Psilostrophe spp.</i>
Santolina, E, FR, 1-3	<i>Santolina spp.</i>

GRASSES

Native low water grasses, 1-3	<i>Gramineae Family</i>
Ornamental Grasses, 1-3	<i>Gramineae Family</i>

(Both FL when dry)

VINES

*Morning Glory, T, 1-3	<i>Convolvulus, Ipomoea</i>
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KEY:

Plant Supplemental Water Needs (after establishment) -- **1:** None **2:** Little **3:** Moderate (every 2-3 weeks)

* - Cochise County native (may have non-native species) **Spp.-** Species; **A** - Accent; **H** - Hedge; **E** - Evergreen; **FL** - Flammable (plant at least 30 ft from home); **FR** - Flame resistant, good for fire protection; **T** - May be toxic. For more information call the Arizona Poison Control Center at 1-800-362-0101.

For more information, call the University of Arizona *Water Wise* Program

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