

Recommended Xeriscape Plants for Medians

What is Xeriscaping?

Xeriscaping is landscaping that has been specifically designed for areas that are vulnerable to drought conditions. These landscapes use drought-resistant and low-water use plants. However, keep in mind that to successfully establish plant material, watering will need to be deep for at least the first year of the plant material.

Xeriscaping is not just rocks and a couple of cacti here and there. The use of mulch will bring many benefits such as reduction in loss of moisture, weed suppression, and help shade the soil.

Below is a list of recommended species for North Texas. Remember to conduct your own research for each plants space, water, light, and soil requirements. No tree planting within medians and marginal dividers measuring 10 feet or less will permitted. Follow all MOWmentum Program Landscaping Guidelines.

Small/Ornamental Trees & Shrubs		
Common Name	Scientific Name	Mature Size
Desert Willow	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	H: 10'-30' S: 10'-15'
Holly, Yaupon	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	H: 12'-20', can reach 25' S: 8'-12'
Mexican Plum	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	H: 10'-25', can reach 35' S: 10'-25'
Persimmon, Texas	<i>Diospyros texana</i>	H: 10'-15', can reach 35' S: 6'-10'
Redbud, Eastern	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	H: 15'-30', can reach 40' S: 20'-35'
Redbud, Mexican	<i>Cercis canadensis var. mexicana</i>	H: 10'-15' S: 10'-15'
Redbud, Texas	<i>Cercis canadensis var. texensis</i>	H: 15'-20' S: 10'-15'
Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	H: 15'-20' S: 10'-15'
Sumac, Prairie Leaf	<i>Rhus lanceolata</i>	H: 12'-20' S: 10'-15'
Texas Kidneywood	<i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>	H: 3'-10' S: 6'-8'
Texas Mountain Laurel	<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	H: 15'-20' S: 10'-15'

Perennials, Shrubs, Agaves, Cacti		
Agarita	<i>Berberis trifoliolata</i> <i>Mahonia trifoliolata</i>	H: 3'-6', can reach 10' S: 3'-6'
Agave	<i>Agave spp.</i>	
Blackfoot Daisy	<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	H: 0.5'-1.5' S: 1'-2'
Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	H: 1'-2' S: 1'-2'
Chile Pequin (Annual)	<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	H: 2'-3' S: 2'-2'
Coneflower, Purple	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> <i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>	H: 1.5'-2', can reach 4' S: 0.5'-1' H: 1.5'-2' S: 0.75'-1.5'
Lantana, Yellow- Gold	<i>Lantana horrida</i> <i>Lantana urticoides</i>	H: 3'-5' S: 4'-5'
Pink Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria suffrutescens</i>	H: 0.5'-0.75' S: 1'-1.5'
Prickly Pear Cactus	<i>Opuntia phaeacantha</i> <i>Opuntia spp.</i>	H: 2'-3' S: Up to 6'
Rockrose	<i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>	H: 3'-4' S: 3'-4'
Yuccas	<i>Yucca spp.</i>	
Salvia (multiple colors available)	<i>Salvia greggi</i> <i>Salvia farinacea</i>	H: 2'-3' S: 2'-3'
Texas Sage (Cenizo) (Varying colors and sizes commercially available)	<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	H: 5'-10' S: 4'-6'
Texas Sotol	<i>Dasyilirion texanum</i>	H: 2'-3' (9'-15' flower stalk) S: 3'-4'
Zexmenia	<i>Wedelia texana</i> <i>Wedelia acapulcensis var. hispida</i>	H: 2'-4' S: 1'-4' H: 1.5'-2.5' S: 2'-3'

H = Height; S = Spread