

BUSHES

Park City Native, Low-water Plants



dwarf mountain lover: classic green shrub

Local vendors: Granite Seed Co. (Lehi), Dryland Horticulture (Salt Lake City)



kinnikinnick (*arctostaphylos uva-ursi*): bush with bright red berries
part shade, avoid afternoon sun; intolerant of soils that stay wet

Local vendors: Granite Seed Co. (Lehi)



jackman potentilla (*pontentilla fruticosa*): bush with yellow flowers

Local vendors: Grow Wild Nursery (Salt Lake City)



golden currant (*ribes aureum*): bush with yellow flowers
Local vendors: Granite Seed Co. (Lehi), Great Basin Natives (Holden)



gro-low fragrant sumac (*rhus aromatica*): bush with bright



little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*): a decorative grass with a blue tint
Local vendors: Granite Seed Co. (Lehi), Grow Wild Nursery (Salt Lake City)



Rockmat (*Petrophytum caespitosum*): a mossy groundcover with cattails

FLOWERS



Snowberry (*amelanchier*): white flowering bush

Local vendors: Granite Seed Co. (Lehi), Grow Wild Nursery (Salt Lake City), High Mountain Nursery (Draper)



rocky mountain penstemon (*penstemon strictus*): purple flowering bush

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Prairie Aster (*machaeranther tanacetifolia*): a wildflower bush with bright purple and yellow flowers; full sun



Western White Clematis (*Clematis ligusticifolia*): a growing vine with white flowers; full sun



Serviceberry (amelanchier): a shrub with white flowers and red fruit



Twinberry (*Lonicera involucrata*): a honeysuckle shrub with a red berry loved by birds



Wood's Rose (*Rosa woodsii*): a native rose bush; full sun or partial shade

TREES



gambel oak (*quercus gambelii*): small tree with seasonal colors
Gambel oaks are also a safe choice in protecting your home from wildfires
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Chokecherry (*prunus virginiana*): small tree with white flowers and red edible berries
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curl-leaf mountain mahogany (*cercocarpus ledifolius*)
local vendors: Granite Seed Co. (Lehi), High Mountain Nursery (Draper)



Vanderwolf's Pine (*pinus flexilis*)
Local vendors: Park City Nursery (Park City)



Rocky Mountain Maple (*acer glabrum*): Tree with bright seasonal colors
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Box Elder Manitoba (*acer negundo*)
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Quaking (*populus tremuloides*): Aspen Tree with seasonal color
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Narrowleaf Cottonwood (*populus angustifolia*): delicate tree with seasonal golden color
local vendors: Park City Nursery (Park City)

Lawn Grass

Traditional lawn grass, such as Kentucky Bluegrass, uses an exceptional amount of water. Since it is not native to the area, it can easily brown or die and needs continuous watering. Alternatively, Tall Fescues (*festuca arundinacea*) resemble Bluegrass yet are native to Utah, thereby requiring far less water to maintain.

Groundcovers are the best option as they use the least amount of water while still providing a green base. Woolly thyme (*Thymus pseudolanuginosus*) has a beautiful green color and fragrance. Another native option, Trailing Fleabane (*erigeron flagellaris*), is a grassy green groundcover with white flowers.

Watering & Fertilizer

Watering Lawns

Surprisingly, most lawn issues are caused by over-watering and over-mowing. Grass should not be shorter than 3 inches with no more than 1/3 of blade length removed at a time. By sporadically not watering grass for a day, roots will strengthen and grow deeper, making the grass able to withstand harsher conditions. In the spring months, wait as long as possible before the first watering for a healthier grass in the summer.

Watering Plants

While the optimal amount of water for each plant varies, overwatering damages all plants.

The native plants previously mentioned require little to no watering, and therefore are great choices for water conservation.

Fertilizer

Like water, over-fertilizing can damage lawn health. In the fall, use 1 pound per 1,000 ft² of slow-release nitrogen fertilizer. When mowing for the last time before winter, cut grass 1 to 1.5 inches then apply quick-release nitrogen fertilizer. For plants, compost acts as a great natural fertilizer.

Recommended lawn watering schedule:

March: none

April: none

May: 21 minutes every 4 days

June: 21 minutes every 3 days

July: 21 minutes every 3 days

August: 21 minutes every 3 days

September: 21 minutes every 6 days

October: none



- Tracks water usage in real time for your individual property
- Gives insight on how to use less water and save money
- After switching to low-water, native plants, see how your water usage changes!

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