



**BexarMet Water District**  
**Water Friendly Plant List**  
**Deer Resistant Plants**



(NOTE: Some of these may be consumed by deer as a last resort under extreme drought conditions.)

Shrubs and Small Trees	Native	Shade Tolerant	Growth Characteristics
Agarita ( <i>Berberis infoliolata</i> )	X		Evergreen, red edible berries
Althea ( <i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> )		X	Deciduous shrub, summer blooms
Arizona Cypress ( <i>Cupressus arizonica</i> )	X		Evergreen large shrub
Aromatic Sumac ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> )	X		Good fall color
Burford Holly ( <i>Ilex cornuta</i> )		X	Evergreen foliage
California Fan Palm ( <i>Washingtonia filifera</i> )			Slow-growing, tree-like palm
Cenizo / Texas Sage ( <i>Leucophyllum spp.</i> )	X		Evergreen foliage
Cotoneaster ( <i>Cotoneaster glaucophylla</i> )		X	Gray foliage, sprawling shrub
Desert Willow ( <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> )	X		Willow-like foliage, small tree
Dwarf Burford Holly ( <i>Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'</i> )		X	Evergreen, glossy foliage
Dwarf Chinese Holly ( <i>Ilex cornuta 'Rotunda'</i> )		X	Evergreen, glossy foliage
Dwarf Palmetto ( <i>Sabal minor</i> )	X	X	Bushy palm
Dwarf Yaupon Holly ( <i>Ilex vomitoria 'Nana'</i> )	X	X	Evergreen, glossy foliage
Eleagnus ( <i>Eleagnus fruitlandi</i> )		X	Evergreen, medium tall shrub
Esperanza ( <i>Tecoma stans</i> )	X	X	Large yellow, bell-like blooms
Evergreen Sumac ( <i>Rhus virens</i> )			Evergreen, large shrub
Flameleaf Sumac ( <i>Rhus lanceolata</i> )			Large shrub
Germander Bush ( <i>Teucrium fruiticans</i> )			Low tidy foliage
Honey Mesquite ( <i>Prosopis glandulosa</i> )	X		Lacy, small tree
Indian Hawthorne ( <i>Raphiolepis indica</i> )		X	Evergreen, spring flowering
Japanese Boxwood ( <i>Buxus japonica</i> )		X	Evergreen foliage
Juniper ( <i>Juniperus sp.</i> )			Evergreen, many varieties
Mexican Buckeye ( <i>Ungnadia speciosa</i> )	X	X	Spring flowering
Mexican Silktassle ( <i>Garrya lindheimeri</i> )	X		Evergreen, glossy foliage
Mountain Cedar ( <i>Juniperus ashei</i> )			Evergreen conifer
Nandina ( <i>Nandina domestica</i> )		X	Evergreen, red fall berries
Nandina, Dwarf ( <i>Nandina sp.</i> )		X	Evergreen, reddish foliage
Oleander ( <i>Nerium oleander</i> )	X		Evergreen, summer blooming
Pineapple Guava ( <i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> )			Evergreen, showy blooms
Pomegranate ( <i>Punica granatum</i> )			Orange blooms, edible fruit
Rosemary ( <i>Rosemarinus officinalis</i> )			Fragrant, useful herb
Scarlet Bouvardia ( <i>Bouvardia ternifolia</i> )	X	X	Small shrub, reddish flowers
Texas Mountain Laurel ( <i>Sophora secundiflora</i> )	X		Evergreen, purple blooms
Texas Palmetto ( <i>Sabal texana</i> )	X		Tall palm
Texas Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros texana</i> )	X		Tree-like large shrub
Turk's Cap ( <i>Malvaviscus drummondii</i> )	X	X	Red flowers, deciduous shrub

Vitex ( <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i> )			Tree-like large shrub
Windmill Palm ( <i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i> )			Tree-like palm
Yaupon Holly ( <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> )	X	X	Evergreen, red berries
<b>Groundcovers</b>			
Asiatic Jasmine ( <i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i> )		X	Evergreen foliage
Clover Fern ( <i>Maiselia macropoda</i> )	X		Grayish, clover-like foliage
Monkey Grass ( <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i> )		X	Evergreen, grass-like foliage
Prostrate Rosemary ( <i>Rosemarinus officinalis</i> )			Gray-green, fragrant foliage
Santolina ( <i>Santolina</i> sp.)			Green or gray foliage
Trailing Juniper ( <i>Juniperus</i> sp.)			Evergreen, trailing habit
Vinca ( <i>Vinca major</i> )			Dark green foliage
<b>Ornamental Grasses</b>			
Big Bluestem ( <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> )	X		Three to four feet
Fountain Grass ( <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> )			Three to four feet
Little Bluestem ( <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> )	X	X	Three feet
Muhly Grass ( <i>Muhlenbergia lindheimeri</i> )	X		Three feet
Pampas Grass ( <i>Cortaderia selloana</i> )			Seven feet
Purple Autumn Grass ( <i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> )			Three to four feet
Sideoats Gramma ( <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> )	X		Two to three feet
<b>Vines</b>			
Carolina Jessamine ( <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> )		X	Evergreen, spring flowering
Coralvine ( <i>Antigonon leptopus</i> )			Deciduous, late summer flowering
Lady Banksia ( <i>Rosa banksia</i> )			Spring flowering
<b>Perennials</b>			
Ageratum ( <i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i> )		X	Also known as blue mist flower
Amaryllis ( <i>Amaryllis</i> spp.)		X	Spectacular flowers, many colors
Angel's Trumpet ( <i>Datura</i> spp.)		X	Fragrant night bloomer
Artemesia ( <i>Artemesia</i> spp.)			Silvery, gray wooly foliage
Autumn Sage ( <i>Salvia gregii</i> )	X		Summer to fall blooms, many colors
Bearded Iris ( <i>Iris germanica</i> )		X	Spring blooms, many colors
Blackfoot Daisy ( <i>Melampodium leucanthum</i> )	X		Daisy-like blooms
Blue Plumbago ( <i>Plumbago auriculata</i> )		X	Brilliant blue flowers
Bouncing Bet ( <i>Saponaria officinalis</i> )		X	Showy, fragrant flowers
Canna ( <i>Canna</i> sp.)		X	Brightly colored flowers
Copper Canyon Daisy ( <i>Tagetes lemonii</i> )			Yellow blooms
Dusty Miller ( <i>Senecio cineraria</i> )		X	Woolly silvery-white leaves
Gray Santolina ( <i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i> )			Aromatic gray-green leaves
Green Santolina ( <i>Santolina virens</i> )			Aromatic green leaves
Indian Blanket ( <i>Gaillardia</i> sp.)	X		Reddish, yellow blooms
Lantana ( <i>Lantana</i> sp.)	X		Summer to fall blooms, many

			colors
Whirling Butterflies ( <i>Guara lindheimeri</i> )	X	X	White flowers with red sepals
Indigo Spires Salvia ( <i>Salvia</i> 'Indigo Spires')			Large spikes of deep blue-purple
Mealy Cup Sage ( <i>Salvia farinacea</i> )	X		Violet-blue flower spikes
Mexican Mint Marigold ( <i>Tagetes lucida</i> )			Anise-like fragrance on leaves
Mexican Oregano ( <i>Poliomentha longiflora</i> )		X	Pale lavender flowers
Perennial Verbena ( <i>Verbena</i> sp.)	X		Clusters of flowers
Pink rain lily ( <i>Zephyranthes grandiflora</i> )	X	X	Pink blooms after rainfall
Purple Coneflower ( <i>Echinacea angustifolia</i> )	X		Summer to fall blooms, purple
Rosemary ( <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> )		X	Scented herb
Society garlic ( <i>Tulbaghia violacea</i> )		X	Lavender blooms
Tropical Sage ( <i>Salvia coccinea</i> )	X	X	Summer to fall blooms
White Rain Lily ( <i>Zephyranthes candida</i> )	X	X	White blooms after rainfall