



BexarMet Water District
Water Friendly Plant List



Dwarf Shrubs
 (1 to 3 feet tall)

Common Name / Scientific Name	Light	Comments
Dwarf Burford Holly / <i>Ilex cornuta</i> 'Rotunda Burfordii'	Sun/part shade	Evergreen with dark green glossy leaves and rich red berries. Excellent as a border.
Dwarf Chinese Holly / <i>Ilex comuta</i> 'Rotunda'	Sun/part shade	Evergreen with spiny leaves and rounded growth habit.
Dwarf Nandina / <i>Nandina spp.</i>	Sun/part shade	Rounded growth habit with lightly cupped leaves. Foliage turns red-purple in winter.
Dwarf Yaupon Holly / <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Nana'	Sun/part shade	Native low spreading, compact evergreen that is excellent as a border plant.
Rosemary, Prostrate / <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Sun	Low growing, sprawling, flowers in spring. Excellent over rock walls.
Salvia / <i>Salvia gregii</i>	Sun/part shade	Various bloom colors, upright growth.
Sumac, Aromatic / <i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Sun/part shade	Upright, airy growth habit, Beautiful fall color.
Verbena / <i>Verbena spp.</i>	Sun	Clusters of flowers, various colors. Blooms summer to fall.
Whirling Butterflies / <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	Sun/part shade	Four-petaled white flowers with red sepals that resemble butterflies.
White Rain Lily / <i>Zephyranthes candida</i>	Part shade/shade	White tubular flowers that bloom after a rain.
Yarrow / <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Sun/part shade	Delicate fern-like foliage, assorted colors.
Zexmenia / <i>Wedelia hispida</i>	Sun/part shade	Yellow daisy-like flowers, dark green leaves, spreads rapidly.



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Barbados Cherry / <i>Malpighia glabra</i>	Sun/part shade	Native evergreen, whitish-pink blooms with that turn to red fruit.
Barberry / <i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	Sun/part shade	Native, graceful arching branches with bronze-red foliage.
Beautyberry / <i>Callicarpa americana</i>	Sun/part shade	Native, multi-branched deciduous with attractive purple or white fruit.
Bridal Wreath Spirea / <i>Spirea cantoniensis</i>	Sun/part shade	Sprawling growth habit with spectacular white or pink blooms in the spring.
Century plant, Agave / <i>Agave mexicana</i>	Sun	Native with large spiny gray-green leaves. Used as an accent plant.
Elbow Bush / <i>Forestiera pubescens</i>	Sun/part shade	Yellowish-green flowers, usually first to bloom in spring.
Firebush / <i>Hamelia patens</i>	Sun	Also called hummingbird bush. Red tubular flowers attract hummingbirds all summer.
Grayleaf Cotoneaster / <i>Cotoneaster glaucophylla</i>	Sun	Evergreen sprawling growth habit. Bright red berries in the fall.
Hogplum / <i>Colubrina texensis</i>	Sun	Dense shrub, light gray zigzag branches.
Indian Hawthorne / <i>Raphiolepis indica</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen, dark leathery foliage. Dense foliage, flowers in spring.
Juniper / <i>Juniperus spp.</i>	Sun	Evergreen, many varieties, some low growing (under 3 feet).
Mahonia / <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Part shade	Glossy leathery leaves, yellow flowers followed by purple fruit.
Nandina, compact / <i>Nandina domestica</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen with clusters of red berries in the winter. Cane like stems with delicate foliage.
Pittosporum, green / <i>Pittosporum tabira</i>	Sun/part shade	Fast-growing, thick glossy foliage, creamy white flowers.
Pittosporum, variegated / <i>Pittosporum tabira</i>	Sun/part shade	Glossy creamy white and green variegated leaves.
Rock Rose / <i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>	Sun/part shade	Showy pink flowers, upright growth.
Rosemary / <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Sun	Evergreen, upright growing habit, blue flowers in spring.
Sumac, evergreen / <i>Rhus virens</i>	Sun/part shade	Mounding, open growth habit. Used as an accent plant.
Turk's Cap / <i>Malvaviscus drummondii</i>	Shade	Native with unusual red flowers. Easy to grow. Flowers late spring through fall.
Yucca / <i>Yucca spp.</i>	Sun/part shade	Several varieties available. Grown for striking leaf character. Some bloom.



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Medium Shrubs
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Common Name / Scientific Name	Light	Comments
Agarita / <i>Berberis trifoliata</i>	Sun/part shade	Native evergreen with coarse holly-like foliage. Yellow spring flowers and edible berries.
Althea, Rose of Sharon / <i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	Sun	Upright growth habit with wide color range of flowers that bloom all summer.
Bay / <i>Laurel nobilis</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen with fragrant leaves that are used in cooking.
Bird of Paradise / <i>Caesalpinia sp.</i>	Sun	Open form, tropical blooms from late spring through fall.
Burford Holly / <i>Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen bushy growth with bright red berries in the fall.
Butterfly Bush / <i>Buddleia davidii</i>	Sun	Upright spreading habit, wide color range of flowers that bloom spring to frost.
Cenizo or Texas Sage / <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	Sun/part shade	Native evergreen shrub with dusty gray foliage that tolerates poor soil conditions.
Eleagnus / <i>Eleagnus fruitlandii</i>	Sun	Fast growing spreading growth habit. Silvery green foliage with fragrant flowers.
Esperanza / <i>Tecoma stans</i>	Sun/part shade	Native that blooms golden yellow trumpet shaped flowers.
Flameleaf Sumac / <i>Rhus lanceolata</i>	Sun/part shade	Multi-trunked with beautiful red foliage in the fall.
Glossy Abelia / <i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen with large graceful arching branches with small white flowers.
Kidneywood / <i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>	Sun/part shade	Open airy shrub, spikes of fragrant white flowers.
Pyracantha / <i>Pyracantha sp.</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen, glossy green leaves. White flowers in spring, bright red berries in fall and winter.
Whitebrush / <i>Aloysia gratissima</i>	Sun/part shade	Vanilla scented flowers. Good used as a hedge.
Winter, Standing Honeysuckle / <i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i>	Sun/part shade	Clusters of small creamy white fragrant flowers in winter.



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Large Shrubs
 (10 to 25 feet tall)

Common Name / Scientific Name	Light	Comments
Chaste Tree / <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Sun	Fast growing multi-trunked shrub or small tree. Lavender blue flower spikes all summer.
Cherry Laurel / <i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	Sun/part shade	Dark green foliage, upright form.
Crepe Myrtle / <i>Lagerstroemia spp.</i>	Sun	Large shrub or small tree. Multi-trunked with beautiful flowers all summer.
Mock Orange / <i>Philadelphus sp.</i>	Sun/part shade	Fragrant, white spring flowers. Several varieties available.
Nellie R. Stevens Holly / <i>Ilex cornuta 'Nellie R. Stevens'</i>	Sun/part shade	Fast growing large shrub or small tree. Dark green glossy leaves. Very versatile.
Oleander / <i>Nerium oleander</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen fast growing that blooms summer through fall.
Possumhaw / <i>Ilex decidua</i>	Sun/part shade	Native deciduous that is low maintenance. Striking red berries in the winter.
Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum / <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	Sun/part shade	White spring blooms, orange to maroon foliage in the fall.
Yaupon Holly / <i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Sun/part shade	Native evergreen with upright growth habit, freely branching.