

SECTION 407. LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS.

A. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

The purpose set forth in this Section are designed to provide standards for the installation of landscaping and irrigation, site stabilization, preservation of natural open space, re-vegetation, and enhancement of development projects within the City of Cottonwood so as to promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community. The standards are intended to protect and enhance property values, conserve water resources, enhance aesthetic qualities, and improve the quality of life for both residents and visitors in Cottonwood.

B. APPLICABILITY.

1. Landscaping is required for all new buildings, structures and uses of land which are to be hereafter erected, constructed, converted, established, altered, or enlarged within the City of Cottonwood, as follows:
 - a. Proposed Development: the provisions of this Section shall apply to all sites buildings, and structures, except separate single-family residences not otherwise part of a planned area development, which are to be hereafter erected, constructed, or established within the City of Cottonwood.
 - b. Existing Properties: The provisions of this Section shall apply to existing development, except separate single-family residences not otherwise part of a planned area development, which are to be hereafter remodeled, converted, altered, or enlarged after the effective date of this ordinance, or when there is a change in the distinguishing traits or primary features of the use of a building or land as evidenced by increased parking requirements, change in occupancy designation, change in outside storage, or other such features and changes which occur after the effective date of this Ordinance. The use of a building or land shall refer to the primary or specific purpose for which the building or land is occupied, designed, intended or maintained. Landscaping requirements for existing developments shall be provided, as follows:
 - 1) Minimum quantities of landscaping shall be provided for such changes to existing properties in direct relation to those additions, alteration or changes.
 - 2) Additional landscaping may be required as a condition of approval for rezoning, conditional use permits or design review, as necessary to

address screening, compatibility of uses, consistency with existing conditions or aesthetic considerations.

C. LANDSCAPE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.

1. Landscape Plan Submittal and Review.

- a. A landscape plan shall be provided for all new development, except for single family residential and manufactured homes. For building additions or expansions of existing development a landscape plan shall be provided to indicate landscaping required in association with the new development.
- b. Landscape plans shall be prepared by a landscape architect, architect, landscape designer or other qualified professional.
- c. The following items shall be included on the landscape plan:
 - 1) Project name and location, address, and Assessor's parcel number/s;
 - 2) Property owner, applicant and designer's name, address, phone number and contact information;
 - 3) Scale (bar and numerical) and north arrow;
 - 4) Property lines, lot dimensions, adjacent rights-of-way, building foot prints, parking lots, driveways, drainage structures, pedestrian and circulation areas, and other existing features and site improvements, drawn to scale with appropriate dimensions;
 - 5) Proposed landscaped areas with total area (in square feet) provided. The location size, and type of all proposed plant and non-plant materials, including any existing vegetation or landscape features to be retained, shall be shown on the plan with unique symbols for different types of plants indicated on a corresponding identification key;
 - 6) A plant identification key which includes both common and scientific plant names, sizes (container size or trunk diameter) and quantities for each;
 - 7) Proposed contour lines based on an approved grading plan drawn to a scale adequate to interpret the topography (2' or 5' contours); and
 - 8) Indicate natural open space areas and significant topographical features to be maintained, including natural drainage features, washes, floodplains, steep hillsides, rock outcroppings and similar features.

2. Irrigation Plan. Irrigation systems shall be designed to maximize efficient water use and minimize the waste of water, according to the following:
 - a. An irrigation system shall be provided with the initial installation of all landscape plant material unless an alternate method for watering plants is approved.
 - b. The irrigation system shall be maintained until such time as low-water use, drought tolerant plants are self-sustaining. It shall remain the responsibility of the property owner and/or tenant/s to ensure adequate watering is provided for maintenance of the plants.
 - c. For development with greater than 10,000 square feet of landscaping area, a separate irrigation plan is required at the same scale and dimensions as the landscape plan. Indicate location and size of all irrigation pipes on the plan. Show proposed location of backflow prevention device and source of water.
 - d. Indicate alternative water irrigation features, including reclaimed water systems, rainwater and greywater systems, and other alternative water features.
 - e. A waiver from all or part of the automatic irrigation system requirements may be approved by the Community Development Director for projects which demonstrate an adequate means of watering through alternative practices, including a comprehensive xeriscape program with rainwater and greywater use, or other approved techniques.
3. Revisions that significantly modify approved development plans or site plans shall require revised landscape and irrigation plans to be submitted and approved.
4. If a project is developed in phases, the required landscaping and screening must be completed in sequence with the development phases, as shown on the landscape plan. For phased projects or subdivision plat, the City Council or Planning and Zoning Commission may require all or part of the landscape plan to be installed with the first phase, so as to address screening and buffering, continuity along streets or other specific design objectives.

D. GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. Applicability. The provisions of this section shall apply to all parcels within the city limits of Cottonwood, except single family residential uses not otherwise part of a planned area development. Landscaping requirements shall apply to single family residential through the Planned Area Development (PAD) zoning process.
2. Fractional Numbers: In calculating the total number of required trees and shrubs, fractional amounts are to be rounded to the nearest whole number (half and above shall be rounded to the next number).
3. Undeveloped areas. All portions of the development site not occupied by buildings, structures, vehicle access and parking areas, loading/unloading areas, and approved storage areas shall be landscaped in accordance with these provisions.
4. Landscape ground treatment. Portions of the required landscape area that are not shown with trees, shrubs or other plant material, or walls, walkways or other landscape features, shall be covered with decomposed granite, organic mulch or acceptable ground cover alternative.
5. Phased development. Future building pads within a phased development shall be improved with temporary landscaping, or otherwise maintained weed-free in such a manner as may be approved by the director. Disturbed portions of future development areas approved for phased development shall be treated with approved landscape material or covered with an approved aggregate ground cover, such as decomposed granite or gravel.
6. Maintenance. The property owner and/or tenant/s shall maintain all plants and landscape materials in accordance with approved plans. Dead or mission plants must be replaced within 90 days from written notice by the Community Development Director.
7. Right-of-way landscaping. It shall be the responsibility of the developer to provide and maintain landscaping in the street right-of-way area contiguous with their development site for all areas not used for streets, driveways, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and other similar development. Proposed and existing landscaping within abutting right-of-way must be shown on landscape plan.
8. Curbs. Where wheel stops are required to prevent vehicular intrusion into landscape areas, continuous curbing shall be installed, except for openings to

allow pedestrian connections, drainage structures and to allow collection of rainwater runoff for adjacent landscaping areas.

9. Trash and Refuse Collection Area. Where visible from a street or adjacent properties, trash enclosures shall have a masonry screening wall enclosure with landscape buffering treatment. Gates and doors, which may be wood or chain link with slats shall be oriented away from any streets, driveway entrance or from a primary building entrance.
10. Certificate of Occupancy. Landscaping must be installed prior to issuance of a Certificate or receiving a final inspection from the City of Cottonwood. If the landscaping cannot be installed due to seasonal or weather related issues, or some other authorized reason, including applicable provisions of the City of Cottonwood Drought and Water Shortage Preparedness Plan, the owner shall provide the Community Development Director with a written request describing the reasons to allow occupancy prior to completion of landscaping and the projected date of installation so as to allow issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

E. LANDSCAPING STANDARDS

The landscaping requirements for a development site shall be based on the separate design calculations for Street Frontage, Interior Property Lines, Parking Lots and Building Area Landscaping. Where such areas overlap, an exception shall be granted to allow the concurrent calculation of such landscape material where the intent of each section is determined to be addressed. Additional landscaping may be required with Open Space Areas, Retention Basins and undeveloped areas of a site.

1. Street Perimeter Landscaping.
 - a. The required landscape areas adjacent to street frontages shall be considered exclusive of parking areas, interior drive aisles and building structures. The street landscape yard shall be maintained with plant materials and groundcovers but may include sidewalks, driveway crossings, signs, utility equipment, low decorative screen walls and retention basins.
 - b. Landscaping in the Right-of Way: Landscaping of undeveloped right-of-way between the property line and the constructed street edge is required in addition to the minimum on-site landscaping requirements. Right-of-way landscaping shall be limited to decomposed granite, ground cover, low shrubs and other approved low water use plants. Trees may be located

in the right-of-way where approved by the City so as to not impact site visibility standards for vehicles.

c. Street Frontage:

- 1) Arterial Streets and Highways: Minimum fifteen feet (15') landscape yard width measured from the back edge of the sidewalk. Where no sidewalk exists the landscape yard width shall be measured from the right-of-way line.
- 2) Collector Streets and all other streets: Minimum ten feet (10') landscape yard measured from the back edge of the sidewalk. Where no sidewalk exists the landscape yard width shall be measured from the right-of-way line.
- 3) Number of Plants: The required number of plants shall be based on the total lineal length of the property line for the landscape area where at least one (1) tree and three (3) shrubs shall be calculated per twenty-five (25) linear feet of adjacent property line. Plants may be clustered according to xeriscape principles, as long as the total number included is based on the length of the landscape areas.
- 4) Size of Plants: required trees shall be at least fifteen (15) gallon size tree. Shrubs shall be minimum 1 gallon size.

d. Street Frontage Exceptions:

- 1) Where the buildings and structures are located directly abutting a public sidewalk, such as in the Cottonwood Commercial Historic District or proposed development with pedestrian-oriented streetscape design, the landscaping between the building and the street may be limited to trees wells in the sidewalk and/or landscape planters next to the building.
- 2) For parcels and development sites that are one (1) acre or less in area or have less than 100 feet of lineal frontage on an arterial street may reduce the street frontage landscape yard on that street

frontage to ten (10) feet in width measured from the back edge of the sidewalk, or from the property line where no sidewalk exists.

- 3) For automobile or vehicle sales uses that include vehicle display located along street frontage, the landscaping area in front of the vehicle display may be reduced to a 5 foot strip planted with low shrubs and groundcovers.

2. Interior Property Line Landscaping.

- a. Perimeter Landscaping: Required landscaped areas adjacent to the property lines of the site shall be installed with the first phase of construction when adjacent to residential districts or uses.
- b. Landscaping Adjacent to Existing Single-Family Residence Uses (regardless of zoning district):
 - 1) Landscape Yard Width: Minimum ten (10) feet measured from the common property line, except that for new multi-family development, no landscape yard is required along a property line where a solid wall or fence six (6) feet in height exists.
 - 2) Number of Plants: the required number of plants shall be based on the total lineal length of the property line for the landscape area where at least one (1) tree and three (3) shrubs shall be calculated per twenty-five (25) linear feet of adjacent property line.
 - 3) Size of Plants: Required trees shall be at least fifteen (15) gallon size tree. Shrubs shall be minimum 1 gallon size.
- c. Landscaping Adjacent to Other than Single-Family Residence Uses:
 - 1) Where required through a change of zoning, conditional use permit, variance, subdivision plat or other development application, interior property line landscaping may be required for purposes of screening, buffering or to provide continuity of development or other aesthetic purposes.
- d. Exceptions to Interior Property Line Landscaping:
 - 1) Landscaping between similar industrial and outdoor storage uses may be eliminated, including for outdoor storage yards, processing uses, warehousing, and mini-storage facilities.

3. Parking Lot Landscaping:

- a. Applicability: The interior parking lot landscaping standards of this section shall apply to new and expanded off-street parking lots. These standards shall not apply to vehicle/equipment storage lots or vehicle/equipment sales lots. Standards for Parking and Loading Requirements are found in Section 406 of this Ordinance.
- b. Landscape Islands:
 - 1) Parking lot landscape islands shall be installed at each end of a row of stalls and in between to allow a maximum of fifteen (15) contiguous parking spaces.
 - 2) Landscape islands shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet wide and fifteen (15) feet in length for single-row and thirty (30) feet in length for double-row parking. All measurements are from face of curb.
- c. Medians: Where divider medians occur adjacent to head-in parking, allow for vehicle overhang as follows:
 - 1) Single-row parking: Minimum six (6) feet landscape area measured from face of curb to face of curb. Minimum median width does not include any sidewalk.
 - 2) Double-row parking: Minimum eight (8) feet landscape area measured from face of curb to face of curb. Minimum median width does not include any sidewalk.
 - 3) Sidewalks integrated with parking lot landscape medians shall be a minimum of five (5) feet width. Excessively meandering sidewalks shall be avoided.
- d. Parking Lot Plant Materials:
 - 1) Number of plants: Parking lot landscape islands: Provide one (1) shade tree and minimum two (2) shrubs for each single-stall parking island. Provide two (2) shade trees and four (4) shrubs for every double-stall parking island.

- 2) Median Dividers Islands: In addition to the above requirements, where landscaped medians are provided there shall be a minimum of one (1) shade tree and five (5) shrubs for every fifteen (15) parking spaces.
 - 3) Size of Plants: Required trees shall be at least fifteen (15) gallon size tree. Shrubs shall be minimum 1 gallon size.
- e. Construction Materials: Landscape islands or planter areas located adjacent to parking or drive aisles shall provide poured-in-place continuous concrete curbing or continuous concrete wheel stops, except for openings to allow pedestrian connections, drainage structures and to allow collection of rainwater runoff for adjacent landscaping areas.

4. Building Area Landscaping:

- a. Applicability: New building additions shall provide plant materials, including trees, shrubs, ground covers and/or accent plants in the areas adjacent to the building with emphasis on locations in proximity to the building entries and pedestrian areas.
- b. Standards for Landscaping Adjacent to Buildings:
 - 1) Landscape planting areas: Provide minimum three (3) feet wide landscape area for shrubs and groundcovers and minimum five (5) feet wide landscape area for trees.
 - 2) Building Entrances: For individual uses with 10,000 square feet or greater of gross floor area, including retail stores, theaters, office buildings, hospitals, schools, churches and other uses which typically have large pedestrian movement at building entries, additional pedestrian area at the entrance shall be provided to ensure there is adequate entry plaza area and/or drop-off area.
 - 3) Exterior walls: For all exterior walls visible from public parking or right-of-way: provide landscape area equal in length to twenty-five percent (25%) minimum of adjacent exterior wall with a minimum landscape area at least three (3) feet by five (5) feet in plan dimension.
 - 4) Number of Trees: Minimum one (1) tree per fifty (50) linear feet or less of exterior wall length of a building for front and sides of building, trees in parking lot landscape islands and within thirty

(30) feet of the building walls may be counted toward this requirement.

- 5) Setback for raised planter boxes: Raised planter boxes shall be setback a minimum of five (5) feet from the face of curb at drive aisles and parking stalls.
- 6) Setbacks for columns, low landscape walls and similar building features: Columns or walls shall be setback a minimum of five (5) feet from the face of column or wall to the face of curb at drive aisles and parking stalls.
- 7) Pedestrian Areas:
 - a) Sidewalks adjacent to buildings shall be a minimum of five (5) feet wide.
 - b) Attached sidewalks with adjacent head-in parking spaces: Add at least two (2) two feet extra to sidewalk width to account for vehicle overhang.
 - c) Shade trees and landscaping shall be encouraged for walkways, courtyards, plazas and other pedestrian circulation areas.
- 8) Size of Plants: required trees shall be at least fifteen (15) gallon size tree. Shrubs shall be minimum 1 gallon size

c. Building Landscape Exceptions:

- 1) Loading and Service Areas: Landscaping is not required along exterior walls at loading and service areas not visible from the street or adjacent parking areas. Supplemental landscape screening may be required between a loading or service area directly opening to the street or adjacent properties so as to mitigate the view of such activity.
- 2) Building elevations not visible from public view. Landscaping is not required along exterior walls not visible from the street or adjacent properties.
- 3) Landscape at Pick-Up Window: Landscaping is not required at the pick up window. If a landscape area is provided along the exterior

wall adjacent to a drive-through lane, the planting area shall be at least two (2) feet wide.

- 4) Outdoor Storage Areas: No landscaping is required for the interior perimeter of outdoor storage areas that are screened from public view.
- 5) Mini-Storage Facilities: Exterior areas at public entrances for mini-storage facilities, driveway entrances and street frontage adjacent to such facilities shall require landscaping as per this ordinance. No landscaping shall be required where the exterior wall of a mini-storage structure is located on an interior property line or for the interior building layout, unless required as a condition of approval.

F. LANDSCAPE WATER CONSERVATION

1. Xeriscape landscaping. Landscape plans shall incorporate xeriscape principles to the greatest extent possible so as to achieve the best results for water conservation goals. “Xeriscape” refers to a landscaping technique that includes the use of drought-tolerant, low water use plants and supporting management practices.
2. Rainwater harvesting can be incorporated into landscape design plans to allow the capture, diversion, and storage of water for plant irrigation and other uses through such techniques as contouring of the landscape with swales and catchment basins to direct the flow of gravity-fed runoff in an advantageous manner.
3. Edible fruit and nut trees proposed with required landscape plans may be considered where served by alternative water conservation sources, such as reclaimed water systems and/or rainwater harvesting techniques.

G. ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

1. Open space. Open space shall be identified as an integral part of a development. Open space shall include both developed areas and natural undisturbed areas.
2. Landscape buffering. As per the standards set forth in this Ordinance, landscape buffering is required between non-residential uses and residential uses, and between multi-family residential and single family uses. Landscape buffering may include trees and shrubs, solid masonry walls, grade changes and/or berms, or a combination of design components.
3. Maintenance and Replacement:

- a. The property owner, tenant or lessee shall maintain or cause to be maintained all landscape materials and landscape areas in accordance with the approved landscape plan. Maintenance shall include regular irrigation, weeding, fertilizing and pruning, as necessary to ensure the survival of plant material.
- b. The Community Development Director, or designee, shall provide the property owner and/or the tenant or lessee written notice of dead or missing landscape material in violation of landscaping requirements, and they shall allow at least ninety (90) days time to provide for the replacement of such materials.

4. Backflow Prevention Device Screening Requirements.

- a. Purpose: The standards in this section provide a method to screen backflow prevention devices from public view in a manner that overall design of a development.
- b. Applicability: These guidelines shall apply to all such assemblies and equipment installed within the City of Cottonwood.
- c. Design Standards: The location of the water line and backflow assembly shall be approved by the Utilities Development

H. COTTONWOOD AREA LANDSCAPE PLANT LIST

- 1. Purpose and Intent: The Cottonwood Area Plant List provides recommended plants for Cottonwood, Arizona. The list includes both native and adaptive plants that are appropriate for landscaping in the area of Cottonwood. Native plants are indigenous to this area and are the best suited to the climate and location. Other non-native, low water use plants that may be suited to the climate and environment are said to be adaptive.
- 2. Plant Communities: The Cottonwood Area Plant List is organized according to plant communities, which are defined as associations of plants within a common environment that interact with each other in an interdependent manner. For Cottonwood, there are two dominant plant communities, which are identified as the following:

- a. Upper Sonoran Chaparral. The dry hillsides and rocky slopes between the river corridor and the mountain foothills are characterized by a chaparral-type plant community.
 - b. Riparian. The Verde River corridor and intersecting side washes include a number of trees and plants that are specifically adapted to the river and wash drainage environments and are generally not recommended for use outside of those areas due to higher water requirements. A number of plants grow naturally in both the riparian and chaparral areas, so there is more flexibility with plant choices in the riparian and wash areas.
3. Modification of the Plan List for Cottonwood: For approved landscape plans, proposals to modify the plant list may be submitted to the Community Development Director for administrative approval where such plants meet the criteria for appropriate low-water use landscaping. For development applications requiring approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission, proposals to modify the plan list may be submitted with the application. The Commission shall have the authority to approve or deny modifications to the Plant List where such plants are deemed appropriate based on the criteria as described in this ordinance.
4. Prohibited Plants: The following plants shall not be approved for use with required landscape plans due to their tendencies as high water use plants, invasive species and/or high-pollen producing characteristics. Plants with these characteristics should generally be avoided for landscape plantings in the Cottonwood area.
- a. Common Bermuda Grass (*Cynodon dactylon*). Invasive weed grass.
 - b. Desert Broom (*Baccharis sarothroides*). Invasive weed plant.
 - c. Red Brome (*Bromus rubens*). Non-native invasive winter grass.
 - d. Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*). Self-seeding perennial bunchgrass.
 - e. Mulberry Tree (Male) (*Morus, male var.*) Noxious pollen producers.
 - f. Oleander (*Nerium oleander*) Large invasive and toxic shrub.
 - g. Olive Tree (*Olea europaea*) Allergy-producing pollen. “Swan Hill”, “Wilson Hill” and similar non-flowering varieties that produce no pollen may be considered.

- h. Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) Non-native invasive tree.
- i. Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia selloana*). Invasive clump grass.
- j. Paradise Tree (*Ailanthus altissima*). Also known as “Tree-of-Heaven,” non-native, highly invasive weed tree.
- k. Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*). Large, fast-growing invasive non-native grass.
- l. Russian Thistle (*Salsola tragus* & *Salsola iberica*). Small highly invasive shrub, also known as “Common Tumbleweed.”
- m. Tamarisk (*Tamarix chinensi*) Aggressive invasive tree or large shrub, also known as “Saltcedar.”

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COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIZE/WATER	NOTES
NATIVE TREES			
Arizona Cypress	<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	30-40'/very low	Dry soils, evergreen
Arizona Walnut	<i>Juglans major</i>	35-40'/low-mod	Stream banks, canyons
Neatleaf Hackberry	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	20-30'/low	Riparian and desert areas
One-seed Juniper	<i>Juniperus monosperma</i>	15-25'/very low	Dry mesas, hillsides
Utah Juniper	<i>Juniperus osteosperma</i>	15-25'/very low	One main trunk, dry areas
Velvet Mesquite	<i>Prosopis velutina</i>	15-25'/very low	Riparian and desert areas
Gambel Oak	<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	20-50'/low	Prefers higher elevations
ADAPTIVE TREES			
Arizona Rosewood	<i>Vauquelinia californica</i>	8-10'/low	Evergreen, large shrub
Ash, Modesto	<i>Fraxinus velutina</i>	30-50'/low	Shade
Cedar, Deodar	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	60-80'/very low	Evergreen, check varieties
Chinaberry	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	30-50'/low	Grows in poor soil
Chinese Pistache	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	30-40'/low	Seasonal color, hardy
Crabapple, Flowering	<i>Malus</i> varieties	6-30'/low-mod	Check avail. Local varieties
Crape Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	6-25'/low	Infrequent deep water
Elm, Chinese	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	40-60'/low	Semi-evergreen
Emory Oak (Live Oak)	<i>Quercus emoryi</i>	20-50'/low	Lower slopes, evergreen
Hackberry, Common	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	45'/low-mod	Street tree
Honey Locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	35-70'/low	Street tree
Locust	<i>Robinia ambigua</i>	30-40'/very low	Aggressive roots
Monk's Pepper Tree	<i>Vitex angus-castus</i>	10-20'/low	Chaste tree, deciduous
Pine, Aleppo	<i>Pinus</i> varieties	30-60'/low	Hardy to heat, aridity, wind
Plum, Flowering	<i>Prunus</i> varieties	20-30'/low-mod	Requires maintenance
Texas Mountain Laurel	<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	15-25'/very low	Evergreen, parking lots
Texas Honey Mesquite	<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	25-30'/very low	Thornless available
Western Redbud	<i>Cercis ooidentails</i>	15-20'/Low-mod	Large shrub
NATIVE SHRUBS AND BUSHES			
Catclaw Acacia	<i>Acacia greggii</i>	4-10'/very low	Common shrub or small tree
Cliffrose	<i>Cowania mexicana</i>	4-10'/very low	Dry rocky hillsides
Creosote Bush	<i>Larrea tridentata</i>	4-8'/very low	Roots emit repellents
Feather Dalea	<i>Dalea formosa</i>	1-2'/very low	Dry, rocky slopes
Graythorn	<i>Ziziphus obtusifolia</i>	6-10'/very low	Grasslands, bird habitat
Manzanita (Pointleaf)	<i>Arctostaphylos pungens</i>	4-6'/very low	Dry hillsides above 4,000'
Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>	10-15'/low	High slopes
Mormon Tea	<i>Ephedra viridis</i>	2-6'/very low	Dry soil
Ocotillo	<i>Fouquieria splendens</i>	8-15'/very low	Steep hillsides, good drainage
Sage, Desert	<i>Salvia columbariae</i>	12-20''/very low	Sandy washes, below 4,000'
Saltbush, four-wing	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	4-6'/very low	Common, wildlife habitat

Scrub Oak	<i>Quercus turbinella</i>	6-10'/very low	High slopes, dry washes
Snakeweed	<i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i>	2-4'/very low	Common, over grazed areas
Sugar Sumac	<i>Rhus ovata</i>	2-12'/very low	Part shade, dry slopes
Winter Fat	<i>Eurotia lanata</i>	2-3'/very low	(White Sage) Open rangeland

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COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIZE/WATER	NOTES
ADAPTIVE SHRUBS AND BUSHES			
Autumn Sage	<i>Salvia greggii</i>	2-3'/very low	Southern Arizona native
Bird of Paradise, Yellow	<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	4-6'/low	Yellow flowers
Butterfly Bush, Fountain	<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i>	8-12'/low	Long flower cluster
Cotoneaster, Spreading	<i>Cotoneaster divaricata</i>	5-6'/low	Hardy deciduous
Deer Grass	<i>Muhlenberfia rigens</i>	3-4'/low-mod	Clumps, grass-like
Desert Spoon	<i>Dasyilirion wheeleri</i>	4-5'/low	Grass like clumps
Dusty Miller	<i>Artemisia stelleriana</i>	2-3'/low	Evergreen shrub
Globe Mallow	<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	3'/very low	Colorful flowers
Juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	2-15'/very low	Evergreen
Juniper	<i>Juniperus sabina</i>	2-4'/very low	Evergreen
Juniper, spreading	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	1-2'/very low	Evergreen, groundcover
Pittosporum	<i>Pittosporum tobria</i>	6-15'/low	Best some water
Photinia, Chinese	<i>Photinia serrulata</i>	6-12'/low	Water to establish
Pyracantha (Firethorn)	<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	6-12'/low	Trains to fence
Rosemary	<i>Rosemary officinalis</i>	2-6'/low	Needs drainage, aromatic
Santolina, Gray	<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	1-2'/very low	Evergreen
Santolina	<i>Green santolina virens</i>	1-2'/very low	Good ground cover
Sage, Big	<i>Artemisia tridentate</i>	3-6'/low	Evergreen, western native
Texas Sage	<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	3-5'/very low	Purple sage, summer flowers
Viburnum, various	<i>Viburnum var.</i>	4-12'/low-mod	Partial sun
Xylosma	<i>Xylosma congestum</i>	8-10'/low	Heat tolerant
NATIVE CACTI AND SUCCULENTS			
Beargrass	<i>Nolina microcarpa</i>	4-6'/very low	Large grass like, dry hillsides
Century Plant	<i>Agave parryi</i>	3'/very low	Tall stalk, Parry's Agave
Cholla, Plateau	<i>Opuntia whipplei</i>	2-4'/very low	Long branching sections
Hedgehog, Claret Cup	<i>Echinocereus triglochidiatus</i>	1-2'/very low	Dense mounds of stems
Hedgehog, Fendler	<i>Echinocereus fendleri</i>	6"-1'/very low	Small clumps, rocky slopes
Prickly Pear, Desert	<i>Opuntia phaeacantha</i>	2-5'/very low	Dry hillsides
Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia var.</i>	1-6'/very low	Many varieties
Yucca, Banana	<i>Yucca baccata</i>	2-3'/very low	Dense flower clusters
Yucca, Soap tree	<i>Yucca elata</i>	2-15'/very low	Single trunk, flowering spike
Yucca, Spanish Bayonet	<i>Yucca alioifolia</i>	2-3'/very low	Accent plant, tall spike
ADAPTIVE CACTI AND SUCCULENTS			
Red Yucca	<i>Hesperaloe paviflora</i>	2-3'/very low	Flowering accent
Golden Barrel	<i>Echinocactus grusonii</i>	1-3'/very low	Color accent
Argentine Giant	<i>Echinopsis candicans</i>	2-4'/very low	Multiple large flowers

RIPARIAN AREAS AND WASHES

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIZE/WATER	NOTES
NATIVE TREES			
Arizona Ash (Velvet)	<i>Fraxinus velutina</i>	30-40'/low-mod.	Streams and washes
Cottonwood, Freemont	<i>Populus fremontii</i>	40-60'/mod	Riparian, invasive roots
Desert Willow	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	10-25'/low mod.	Deciduous, flowering
Alder, Arizona	<i>Alnus oblongifolia</i>	40-50'/mod	Riparian
Elder, Arizona	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	30'/mod	Riparian and desert grasslands
Velvet Mesquite	<i>Prosopis velutina</i>	15-25'/low	Riparian, adapts to dry areas
Neatleaf Hackberry	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	20-30'/low	Edge riparian and dry hillsides
Goodding Willow	<i>Salix gooddingii</i>	30-50'/mod	Riparian, invasive roots
Sycamore, Arizona	<i>Platanus wrightii</i>	50'/mod	Riparian
Western Soapberry	<i>Sapindus saponaria</i>	50'/low	Riparian
ADAPTIVE TREES			
Ash, Green	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	40'/low-mod	Tolerates dry soil
Chinaberry	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	30-50'/low	Grows in poor soil
Crabapple, Flowering	<i>Malus varieties</i>	6-30'/low-mod	Check avail. local varieties
Globe Willow	<i>Salix matsudana</i>	20-30'/mod	Moist locations
Plum, Flowering	<i>Prunus varieties</i>	20-30'/low-mod	Requires maintenance
NATIVE SHRUBS AND BUSHSES			
Arizona Grape	<i>Vitis arizonica</i>	Sprawling vine	Along streams and canyons
Curly Dock	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	to 4' height	Moist soil, streams and washes
ADAPTIVE SHRUBS AND BUSHES			
Heavenly Bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	6-8'/low-mod	Some water, shade
Bird of Paradise Bush	<i>Caesalinea gilliesii</i>	4-6'/moderate	Tree Var. 12'
Pittosporum (Tobria)	<i>Pittosporum tobria</i>	6-15'/low	Best some water
Photinia, Chinese	<i>Photinia serrulata</i>	6-12'/low	Water to establish