

Dry environments can be tough for some plants. Some varieties are better adapted to drier conditions than others. While not comprehensive, these are selections of some of our favorite plants that are adapted to drier soils that we have this year.:

\*Note: It is critical that new landscape plants get ample water within their first year or two in order to become established. After which, these plants will be much more durable in drier sites.\*

### **Bur Oak** *Quercus macrocarpa*



The majestic Bur Oak is a tree of legendary status. Bur Oaks have quite a bit of resilience to different soil types, a dry site won't phase them too much. Oaks are known for their massive root systems that allow them to pull moisture from a larger area.

### **Ginkgo** *Ginkgo biloba*



This prehistoric tree is extremely tough! It is moderately salt tolerant, drought tolerant, heat tolerant and tolerant of pollution. Since they're such an ancient variety, Ginkgos are the only surviving member of their genus. This means they have little pest and disease problems!

### **Spot on Spirea** *Spiraea x Fritschiana 'JN Select J'*



This is a standout Spirea! It has bright pink flowers through the summer and red and orange fall color. Through the growing season, beautiful ornamental bronze spots develop on the leaves giving it a multicolor appearance (This is where it gets its name)! Spirea are incredibly tough plants!

**Blue Star Juniper** *Juniperus squamata*



All Juniper are known for being very tolerant of courser dry soils. Blue Star is perfect for rock gardens or as a small, short border plant. Junipers also grow nice blue 'berries' (they're actually cones) that have great ornamental value!

**Midnight Masquerade Penstemon** *Penstemon hybrid*



Penstemons are super durable perennials that are very drought tolerant! This variety as deep purple foliage and a rich lavender and white bloom. This is a selection made from native varieties and it popular with bees and hummingbirds! It makes a great mass planting.

**Strawberry Candy Daylily** *Hemerocallis 'Strawberry Candy'*



This reblooming daylily has such beautiful color! Daylilies are tough plants that are very drought tolerant. They can also be very floriferous even in tough situations. These will start flowering early summer and continue all season long! Rabbits will avoid these plants.

**Bonfire Cushion Spurge** *Euphorbia polyanthemus*



These plants are extremely drought, salt and heat tolerant. They have bronze tinted foliage that turn a beautiful red in the fall. These plants really make a statement! These can be seen out at Edgewater Park!