

Cliffrose

Your High Desert Gardens

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XERISCAPE PLANTS

- These are some of the best drought tolerant plants for our area, there are many other varieties to choose from.
- We use USDA hardiness zones that refer to the coldest temperature a plant should survive. There are other considerations in winter hardiness though. Cortez, Dolores, Mancos and Durango are all zone 5 in town, but higher elevations would be lower zones. Zone 5 plants should be hardy to -20 F, zone 4 to -30 F and so on.
- Water Needs: All plants, even drought tolerant ones, need extra water after planting and through their first summer or two. Conditions vary so much it is difficult to give a recipe for watering that suits all areas, but here are rough guidelines.

X – Somewhat drought-tolerant, water well every 7 to 10 days

XX – Moderately drought-tolerant, water well every 10 days to 2 weeks

XXX – Very drought-tolerant, should survive with no additional water after first summer of establishment, but will look better with monthly watering during very dry summers

- Plant Select – this designation in the text is a program of the Denver Botanic Garden to promote new and underused plants for our area