

# JOHNSON'S • GARDEN • CENTERS

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LAWN & GARDEN GUIDE

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## KANSASCAPING<sup>SM</sup>

The Kansas growing environment is a unique combination of extremes that can present some issues for the landscape. On the winter side of the spectrum, we can have dips of sub zero temperatures followed by 50 degree days; these fluctuations are hard on plants. Our summers can be very hot and dry to the point of severe drought. Choosing and caring for plants in these circumstances can be a challenge and at times discouraging as you select beautiful plants only to see them languish. Our response to this, we're calling "Kansascaping".

Our idea of a Kansascap starts with plant selection. The list we compiled are plants we observed, specifically in South Central Kansas, to have survived and even thrived in our extreme dry, hot summers and withstood our winters as well. There are some native Kansas plants and some in related families included in the list, but many times native plants don't have quite the desirable traits homeowners want in their landscape. It is not an all inclusive list and could change as conditions and new plant selections do. Also, don't be totally limited by this list; location and care play a huge role in the health of plants. This is just a recommendation of some good basic choices to use as a backbone for a successful landscape.

*Except where noted these plants will take part to full sun.*

### **Trees**

Chinese Pistache  
Crabapple, Praire Fire  
Crabapple, Royal Raindrops  
Elm, Lacebark  
Goldenraintree  
Hawthorn  
Maple, Amur  
Maple, Autumn Blaze  
Maple, Caddo Autumn Splendor  
Oak, Bur  
Oak, Northern Red  
Oak, Shumard  
Pear, Cleavleand Select  
Redbud, Oklahoma  
Redbud, Rising Sun  
Redbud, Ruby Falls  
Serviceberry, Autum Brilliance

### **Ornamental Shrubs**

Boxwood  
Euonymus, Chollopo  
Euonymus, Emerald & Gold  
Euonymus, Emerald Gaiety  
Euonymus, Manhattan  
Nandinas  
Privets  
Pyracantha  
Sumacs -especially Tiger Eyes  
Sweetspire  
Yucca

### **Flowering Shrubs**

Butterfly Bush  
Chastetree  
Crapemyrtle  
Forsythia  
Hydrangea, Oakleaf  
Lilac, Dwarf Korean  
Mock Orange  
Quince  
Rose of Sharon  
Smoketree, Royal Purple  
Viburnum, Leatherleaf,  
Fragrant

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## **Evergreens**

### *Upright*

Cedar, Blue Atlas  
Juniper, virginia  
Juniper, Taylor  
Pine, Loblolly  
Pine, Southwestern White

### *Shrub*

Cedar, Feelin' Blue Deodara  
Juniper, Blue Chip  
Juniper, Daub's Frosted  
Juniper, Mint Julep  
Juniper, Sea Green  
*Yews (shade)*  
Japanese Plum Yew

## **Grasses**

(most grasses work well)  
Feather Reed  
Fountain, Dwarf Hamlin  
Little Bluestem  
Switch, Northern  
Switch, Shenandoah  
Maiden Grass

## **Annuals**

Angelonia  
Dahlberg Daisy  
Evolvulus, Blue Daze  
Hibiscus  
Lantana  
Marigold  
Penta  
Petunias, Wave  
Purslane/Rose Moss  
Red Fountain Grass  
Salvia, Blue  
Scaevola  
Sweet Potato Vine  
Vinca

## **Shade Annuals**

Begonias  
Coleus

## **Ground Covers**

English Ivy  
Euonymus, Purpleleaf Wintercreeper  
Hens & Chicks  
Honeysuckle, Japanese Hall's  
Honeysuckle, Japanese Purpleleaf  
Lirope  
Primrose, Missouri  
Sedum  
Thyme  
Vinca Minor

## **Perennials**

Agastache  
Artemesia  
Asclepias (Butterfly Milkweed)  
Baptesia  
Coneflower  
Coreopsis  
Daylilies  
Delosperma (Hardy Ice Plant)  
Hellebore (shade)  
Heuchera (Coral Bells)-shade  
Hibiscus, Hardy  
Iris  
Lamb's Ear  
Lavender  
Liatris  
Mums  
Phlox, creeping, garden  
Primrose, Evening  
Rudbeckia  
Russian Sage  
Salvia  
Santolina  
Sedum (Stonecrop)  
Veronica  
Yarrow