

# How to Create Beautiful Landscaping with Native Plants

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GOOD CONTRAST



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## DESIGN:

Create a planting plan that follows basic design principles:

- contrast in color, form, and texture
- repetition
- focal points
- consistent color scheme
- year round interest

Select plants that will thrive in your soil, slope, sun, and water conditions.

Place taller plants in back.

Space plants so they will overlap slightly when mature.

## INSTALLATION:

Eliminate invasive weeds (bermudagrass, mint, ivy, *etc*) before planting.

Consider investing in a professional irrigation and drainage system.

For most natives, fall planting is best and spring next best.

Loosen soil to 8" deep and work in organic compost before planting, if needed.

Spread 2"-3" layer mulch, pulling it away from base of each plant.

## MAINTENANCE:

Keep garden weeded and mulched.

Many native perennials and small shrubs do best if pruned in February

Spread ¼" organic compost in March, June, and October; work lightly into mulch.

Check irrigation system regularly. Reprogram controller March, June, Sep, Dec.