



**CENTRAL UTAH WATER**  
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Perennials are herbaceous plants that come back for multiple years. They typically have showy flowers and/or attractive foliage that can add a splash of color to the landscape. They are most impressive when planted in odd-numbered groups of three or more rather than stand-alone single plants. There is no shortage of varieties and colors, so the landscaping possibilities are endless. Take a look at just a few of them that are worth planting:

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## **Butterfly Weed**

*Asclepias tuberosa*



This happy orange flower is a Utah native. Its summer blooms attract butterflies, and it can grow in poor soils. It develops a deep tap root, which allows it to be very tolerant of dry conditions. It goes well with other summer-blooming plants like Coreopsis, Coneflowers, Blanket Flowers, and dwarf Butterfly Bushes. It grows 1-2' tall and wide and prefers full sun.

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## **Seafoam Artemisia**

*Artemisia versicolor* 'Seafoam'



Here's a full-sun perennial grown for its foliage rather than its flower. The curly, blue-gray leaves add a unique texture and color to the landscape. It has a low-growing, mounded form that makes it perfect as a foreground plant. It contrasts well with yellows, oranges, and pinks, but also looks really good with whites, blues, and purples. It doesn't require a lot of water to keep it happy. It gets around 18" tall and 24" wide.

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## Prairie Smoke

*Geum triflorum*



Another Utah native, the dainty little pinkish-red flowers on this perennial add a hint of whimsy to a garden design. The delicate-looking spring blooms pair well with larger, more weighty plants. The flowers evolve into feathery seed heads that extend the seasonal interest. And, even when it isn't in bloom, the plant has attractive fern-like leaves. Mature size is 8-15" tall by 18" wide. Prefers full sun.

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## Miracle Coral Bells

*Heuchera x 'Miracle'*



Coral Bells are an excellent choice for shade! The leaves on this two-toned variety are red with a chartreuse edge. As temperatures rise in the summer, the leaves fade to a green, but the red reemerges in the fall. Grows well in those areas that don't see much sun. Can be combined with Columbine, Turkish Veronica (pictured), Lady's Mantle, and other Coral Bell varieties, Gets around 10" tall and wide.

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## Palmer's Penstemon

*Penstemon palmeri*

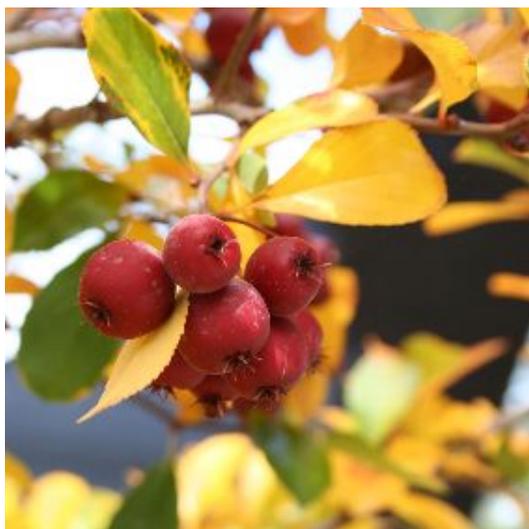


Native to Utah, this perennial does not like wet situations and does best in gravel or rock rather than bark mulch or wood chips. Tall spikes of light pink flowers adorn this plant in early summer. Makes for a fantastic showpiece while in bloom! Grows well with other low-water-use native plants, including Sumacs, Lacy Buckwheat, Sundancer Daisy, and other Penstemons. Can get 4-5' tall and 2' wide.

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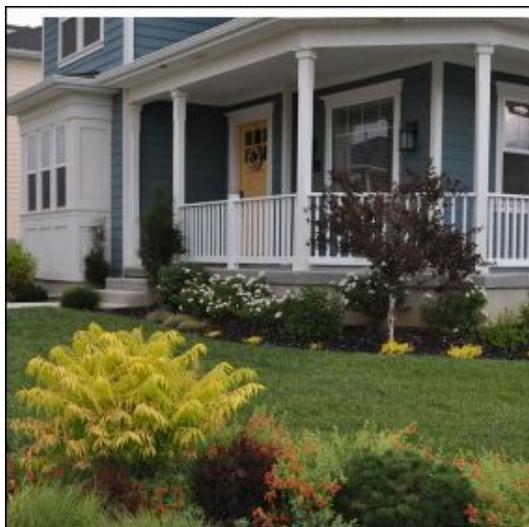
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### Fall Gardening

Wednesday,  
September 2 @ 7:00 pm

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## Introduction to Localscapes

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September 9 @ 7:00 pm

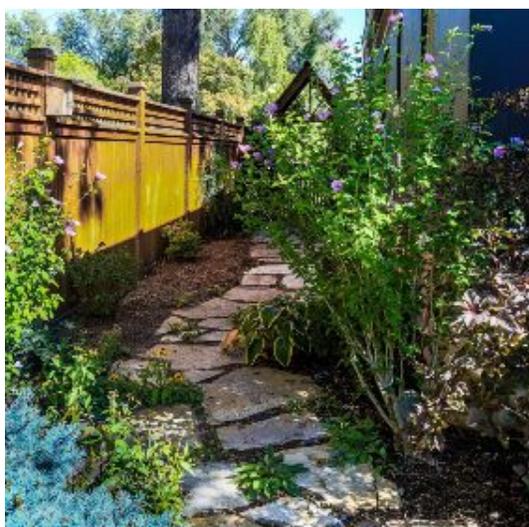
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## Grass Matrix Gardens

Saturday,  
September 12 @ 10:00 am

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September 16 @ 7:00 pm

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## Sprinkler Crash Course

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September 19 @ 10:00 am

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## Planting Bed Design

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September 23 @ 7:00 pm

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September 26 @ 10:00 am

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## White Lightning Ginkgo

*Ginkgo biloba* 'White Lightning'

Ginkgos make excellent landscape plants because of their lack of pests and because they are relatively disease-resistant. They also adapt well to a variety of environments. There are a lot of newer cultivars on the market today, including this beautiful variegated one. The yellow-white stripes on the leaves really help it stand out against darker green foliage of surrounding plants. Ginkgos are generally full-sun plants, but because of the variegation on this one it should be planted where it is protected from the hot afternoon sun.

**Plant Type:** Deciduous Shrub/Tree

**Mature Size:** 8-12' T x 4' W

**Light Requirements:** Part Shade

**Hardiness Zones:** 4-10

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