

## PLANTS WITH WINTER INTEREST

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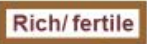





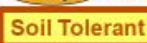






**KNOW YOUR HARDINESS ZONE** to determine if a plant is able to overwinter and come back in the spring.  
**WE ARE ZONE 6b to 7b (- 5°F to 10°F)** Plants for containers need to be **2 zones colder** to overwinter well.

### HOW MUCH DIRECT SUN DOES THE SITE GET?

**FULL SUN** - 6 to 8 or more hours of **DIRECT** sun (mostly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.)

**FULL SHADE** - At least 3 to 4 hours of sun mostly in the morning or late afternoon.

**Anything in between is PART SHADE/PART SUN.**

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 <b>FULL SUN</b> – 6 to 8 hours of direct sun mostly 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.	 <b>TOLERATES HEAT</b>	 <b>NATIVE SPECIES</b>	
 <b>FULL SHADE</b> – at least 3 to 4 hours of sun mostly in the morning or late afternoon	 <b>TOLERATES NJ HUMIDITY</b>	 <b>OUR NATIVE SPECIES</b>	
 <b>PART SUN/SHADE</b> is anything in between the above	 <b>DROUGHT TOLERANT</b>		
-- x -- <b>MATURE HEIGHT+SPREAD</b>	 <b>TOLERATES WET FEET</b>		
 <b>BLOOM TIME</b>	 <b>CANNOT TOLERATE WET FEET</b>		
 <b>DEADHEAD TO PROLONG BLOOM TIME</b>	 <b>TOLERATES LONG PERIODS OF STANDING WATER</b>		
 <b>EVERGREEN</b>	 <b>EASY CARE</b> LOW TO NO MAINTENANCE		
 <b>BERRIES OR COLORFUL FOLIAGE</b>	 <b>Rich/fertile</b> AMENDED, WELL FERTILIZED SOIL		
 <b>GOOD CUT FLOWER</b>	 <b>sandy</b> TOLERATES SANDY/LEAN SOIL		
 <b>EVERGREEN</b>	 <b>clay</b> TOLERATES CLAY/HEAVY SOIL		
 <b>POISONOUS (TOXIC)</b>	 <b>Soil Tolerant</b> TOLERATES ANY SOIL TYPE		
 <b>EDIBLE</b>	 <b>WIND TOLERANT</b>		
 <b>DEER RESISTANT</b>	 <b>SALT SPRAY</b> TOLERATES COASTAL/SALTY CONDITIONS		
 <b>RABBIT RESISTANT</b>			
 <b>DEER DELIGHT...YUM!</b>			

### CHOOSE SHRUBS WITH MULTI-SEASONS OF INTEREST – EVERGREENS CONIFERS (needled evergreens)

*Picea glauca* 'Conica' (Dwarf Alberta Spruce)

*Picea pungens* 'Globosa' (Dwarf Globe Blue Spruce)

*Thuja occidentalis* 'Rheingold' (Rheingold Arborvitae)

*Thuja occidentalis* 'Anna Van Vloten' (Anna's Magic Ball Arborvitae)

*Thuja occidentalis* 'Congabe' (Fire Chief™ Globe Arborvitae)

## **BROADLEAF EVERGREENS**

*Ilex glabra* 'Strongbox' (Inkberry Holly)

*Aucuba japonica* 'Variegata' (Japanese Laurel, Gold Dust Plant)

*Osmanthus heterophyllus* 'Goshiki' (False Holly)

*Nandina domestica* 'Fire Power' (Heavenly Bamboo)

*Pieris japonica* (Andromeda, Lily-of-the-Valley Bush) Buds of *Pieris japonica* 'Dorothy Wyckoff',

*Pieris japonica* blooms - *Pieris j.* 'Pink Delight', *Pieris* 'White Pearl', *Pieris j.* 'Dorothy Wyckoff' *Pieris j.* 'Valley Valentine,' *Pieris j.* 'Valley Rose'

New growth - *Pieris formosa forrestii* 'Wakehurst,' *Pieris j.* 'Katsura' *Pieris j.* 'Umberto,' *Pieris j.* 'Mountain Fire,' *Pieris* 'Flaming Silver'

## **WINTER BLOOMING SHRUB/TREE**

*Mahonia japonica bealei* (Grape Holly)

*Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Arnold Promise' (Witchhazel)

*Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Jelena' (Witchhazel)

*Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Diane' (Witchhazel)

## **SHRUBS WITH BERRIES**

*Ilex* spp. and cvs.

*Skimmia japonica*

*Skimmia japonica* 'Rubella'

*Ilex verticillata* (Winterberry Holly) *Ilex v.* 'Red Sprite', *Ilex v.* 'Jim Dandy', *Ilex v.* 'Berry Poppins', *Ilex v.* 'Winter Gold'

## **SHRUBS WITH COLORFUL STEMS**

*Cornus sericea* 'Silver and Gold' (Yellowtwig Dogwood)

*Cornus stolonifera* 'Arctic Fire' (Redtwig, Red Osier Dogwood)

*Cornus sanguinea* 'Midwinter Fire' (Bloodtwig Dogwood)

*Kerria japonica* (Easter Rose)

*Kerria japonica* 'Pleniflora' (Easter Rose)

*Corylus avellana* 'Contorta' (Harry Lauder's Walking Stick)

*Corylus avellana* 'Red Dragon' (Contorted Filbert)

## **PERENNIALS - ALL EVERGREEN - SOME ARE WINTER BLOOMING**

*Bergenia cordifolia* 'Winterglut' (Winter Glow Heartleaf)

*Semprevivum* (Hen & Chicks)

*Sedum reflexum* 'Blue Spruce' (Stonecrop)

*Sedum rupestre* 'Angelina' (Stonecrop)

*Rohdea japonica* (Sacred Lily)

*Helleborus foetidus* (Stinking Hellebore)

*Helleborus orientalis* (Lenten Rose)

*Carex comans* 'Frosted Curls' (Sedge)

*Carex morrowii* 'Silver Sceptre' (Sedge)

*Heuchera* spp. (Coral Bells)

## **TREES WITH BEAUTIFUL BARK**

*Stewartia pseudocamellia* (Japanese stewartia)  
*Acer palmatum* 'Sango Kaku' (Japanese maple)  
*Lagerstroemia* 'Natchez' (Crape myrtle)  
*Betula nigra* (River birch)  
*Acer griseum* (Paperbark maple)  
*Platanus occidentalis* (American sycamore)

## **SEEDHEADS OF PERENNIALS for winter interest and food for the birds**

*Echinacea purpurea* (Purple Coneflower)  
*Rudbeckia* (Black-eyed Susan)  
*Sedum telephium* 'Matrona' (Stonecrop)  
*Achillea* spp. (Yarrow)

## **ORNAMENTAL GRASSES for WINTER INTEREST**

*Panicum* spp. (Switch Grass, Panic Grass)  
*Calamagrostis x acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster' (Feather Reed Grass)  
*Calamagrostis brachytricha* (Korean Feather Reed Grass) – may self-sow  
*Schizachyrium scoparium* (Little Bluestem)

## **A winter surprise during mild days**

*Viola* × *wittrockiana* (Pansy)  
Ornamental cabbage and kale (*Brassica oleracea*)

## **NOTES:**