**MAIN ENTRANCE LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

- Mix flowering shrubs, ornamental grasses, and evergreens to ensure year-round interest.
- Plant in multiples.
- Don’t space plants perfectly. They will have a more natural look if there is some irregularity.
- Partially bury boulders.
- Create a focal point by picking one standout plant like this dwarf Spruce.
- Tuck plants around boulders to mimic nature.
- Repeat plants in different areas to create a cohesive look.

For lower maintenance, stick to ornamental grasses, shrubs, & trees.

- When installing a dry stream bed, incorporate cobble in a range of sizes.
- Create an informal path that draws you into the space.

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**LANDSCAPE IDEAS FOR FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES**

Incorporating fire-wise, water-wise and deer-resistant strategies

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**SHRUBS:**
- RUSSIAN SAGE
- BLONDE AMBITION BLUE GRAMA GRASS
- PANCHITO MANZANITA
- McKay’s WHITE POTENTILLA
- WALDRUNN SPRUCE

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**PERENNIALS:**
- MOONSHINE YARROW
- SCARLET PINELEAF PENSTEMON
- WALKER’S LOW CATMINT
- PINK CHINTZ CREEPING THYME
- CORAL CANYON TWINSPUR
- LAVENDER ICE PLANT
- SHIMMER EVENING PRIMROSE
- SILVER CARPET LAMB’S EAR
- VARIEGATED SWEET IRIS
- HIDCOTE SUPERIOR LAVENDER

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**DEER, DROUGHT & FIRE**

As if gardening in Colorado wasn’t hard enough, living in a foothill community adds additional challenges due to the possibility of deer, drought and fire. The guidance in this brochure will walk you through some of the most effective approaches to dealing with these challenges plus provide inspirational design ideas.

**LANDSCAPING DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

- Keep trees at least 10’ away from structures.
- Use a variety of plants.
- Plant according to mature size.
- Mow or trim native grass to 6” or less & keep grass away from the base of shrubs.
- Rather than planting in a continuous line, plant in clusters and leave spaces between groups.
- Patios, paths, and unplanted areas of rock help provide fire breaks.
- Bake & remove pine needles or fallen leaves.
- Maintain plants to sustain defensible space.
- Check out www.colostate.edu for more fire-wise info.

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Ice plant is a fantastic low growing succulent. The water content in the leaves make is a great defense against fire.

**Lamb’s Ear is a great plant choice for dry, hot, deer infested landscapes. Not only does it provide a wonderful blue-gray foliage but the hairy texture on the leaves keep deer away.**

Blue Grama is a great alternative turf for low or no traffic areas. It maintains a short height and has a beautiful blue-green color.