



CHEYENNE
BOTANIC
GARDENS

Hardy Plants For the High Plains

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Common Questions

- Can I just substitute perennial plants for annual flowers?
- Are perennials less work than annuals?
- What qualities should I look for in a perennial?

Can I just substitute perennials for annuals?

Annuals

- Reoccurring Cost
- Planted every year
- Seasonal interest
- Beautiful show

Ice Ice Baby –Vanilla Ice (1990)

Perennials

- One time cost
- Maintained every year
- Multi-season interest
- Reliable show
- Flowers fade (3-4 weeks)

Eric Clapton (1970-still performing)

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Climate

Bad Weather



Climate

Wind



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Drought



Choose Hardy Perennials!

Bottlebrush buckeye

Zone 4

Drought tolerant

Pest resistant

Small leaves

Vigorous growth



Aesculus parviflora

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Blanket Flower



Gaillardia X grandiflora

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Russian Sage



Perovskia atriplicifolia

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Korean Feather
Reed Grass



Calamagrostis brachytricha

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Henry Hudson Shrub Rose

Canadian Explorer Series

Rosa X hybrida

Choose Hardy Perennials!



Sea Lavender

Limonium latifolium

Choose Hardy Perennials!

Lungwort



Brunnera macrophylla

Symphony of plants



Texture



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Form



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Color



Color



Are perennials less work than annuals?

Planning

Planting

Watering



Are perennials less work than annuals?

Fertilizing

Cleaning

Pruning



Thank you!

