



High Country Gardening & Landscaping Tips

Planting Tip

To achieve stunning results, we recommend massing colors and textures. Pairing drifts of colors that shift slowly along the color scale creates peace and harmony in a larger landscape. Contrasting colors create more drama and excitement.

Plant Select Plants that work at higher altitudes

Plant Select[®] is a cooperative program administered by Denver Botanic Gardens and Colorado State University in concert with horticulturists and nurseries throughout the Rocky Mountain region and beyond.

The purpose of Plant Select[®] is to seek out, identify and distribute the best plants for landscapes and gardens from the intermountain region to the high plains.

Plants are chosen each year that thrive in the unique and variable conditions of Rocky Mountain gardens. Here are some Plant Selects options for our high altitude:

Corsican violet
Dianthus “First Love”
COLORADO GOLD™ Gazania
SNOW ANGEL™ Coral Bells
Remembrance Columbine

‘Prairie jewel’ penstemon
Turkish veronica

Viola cornuta
Dianthus ‘FirstLove’
Gazania linearis COLORADO GOLD™
Heuchera sanguinea SNOW ANGEL™
Aquilegia ‘Colorado Violet and White’
Remembrance
Penstemon grandiflorus ‘Prairie jewel’
Veronica liwanensis

Ornamental grasses

Blue avena grass
Blue fescue

Helictotrichon sempervirens
Festuca ovina var. glauca