Easy Care Plant Selection

- Remember to always match plant needs to the area they are planted: dry or wet; sun, partial sun, or shade; and space available.
- Choose plants that grow naturally in your area and adapt to your climate and soil.
- Shrubs generally require less maintenance than perennial flowers, but avoid shrubs that bloom only on new wood and require annual pruning.
- Perennial flowers usually require less maintenance than annuals.
- Grasses usually require little care once established, but avoid invasive grasses.
- Use groundcover plants or mulch to reduce the need for weeding.
- Avoid plants that provide food for wildlife.

**EASY CARE PLANTS, IN GENERAL:**
- have a long bloom time and are not short lived.
- are cold hardy for our area (exception would be annuals).
- are disease and pest resistant.
- do not need dividing each year or two to remain healthy/flower.
- do not require staking to remain upright.
- do not need deadheading to continue to flower.
- do not go to seed, requiring removal each spring.
- do not require pinching to develop/maintain shape.
- do not spread rapidly or require pulling or digging up to maintain.

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