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Drought-tolerant plants to consider for fall:

If you've been perusing my garden columns, you already have a list of deer-resistant plants and know how to prepare the soil with mulch and drainage that retains moisture without waterlogging. Here are a few of my favorite low-water options that can be planted before the winter cold arrives and after our endless summer has ceased. Remember, no matter how drought-tolerant a plant is, every plant needs some water. California natives will be the most tolerant, conserving more water and requiring less maintenance. Many natives are also deer-resistant.

Natives:

Manzanita California Poppy California lilac (ceanothus) Muhly grass Pink flowering currant

Blue-eyes grass

Salvia Yarrow

California fuchsia Blue elderberry Shaw's Agave

Other Drought-Tolerant Plants:

Aloe Vera Echeveria Barberry Sedum Russian Sage Feather Reed Grass Black-eyed Susan Pride of Madeira Stonecrop Succulents Cacti

Lavender

Many wildflowers



For a flash of annual border color, buy pansies, which use minimal water. ... continued on Page OH10



