**Drought Resistant Ornamental Grasses**

This list was developed by two horticulturalists and vetted by the Town of Cochrane. In particular, you may want to focus on native species as they support our local pollinators and provide essential habitant and food sources.

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| **Native Ornamental Grasses** |
| Elymus canadensis - Canadian Wild Rye, Zone 3, Partial/Full Sun |
| Schizachyrium scoparium - Little Bluestern, Zone 3, Full Sun |
| Festuca saximontana - Rocky Mountain Fescue, Zone 3, Full Sun |
| Schizachne purpurascens - Flase Melic Grass/Purple Oat Grass, Partial/Full Sun |
| Deschampsia caespitosa - Tufted Hairgrass, Zone 3, Partial Shade |
| Bouteloua gracilis - Blue Grama, Zone 3, Full Sun |
| \*Bouteloua curtipendula - Sideoats Grama, Zone 3, Full Sun |
| Achnatherum richardsonii - Richardson's Needlegrass, Zone 3, Partial/Full Sun |
| Trisetum spicatum - Spike Tristern, Zone 3, Partial/Full Sun |
| Koeleria macrantha - Junegrass, Zone 3, Full Sun |

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| **Non-Native Ornamental Grasses** |
| Calamagrostis x acutiflora - "Karl Foerster", Zone 3 Feather Reed Grass, Partial/Full Sun |
| Panicum virgatum "Prairie Fire" Prairie Fire Switchgrass, Zone 3, Full Sun |
| Sporobolus heterolepis - Prairie Dropseed, Zone 3, Partial/Full Sun |
| Sorghastrum nutans - Yellow Prairie Grass, Zone 2, Full Sun |
| Festuca ovina - Sheep Fescue, Zone 3, Partial/Full Sun |
| Helictotrichon sempervirens - Blue Oat Grass, Zone 3, Partial/Full |