

Beautiful in Winter

Many plants lose their charm in the winter months, but not everything is this way. Planting things that are pretty in winter can make your property more attractive year-round & add life to an otherwise dull landscape.

1) Nandina / Heavenly Bamboo

This evergreen shrub boasts amazing colors year-round. Winter is when it is especially showy, with clusters of red berries & brightly colored leaves. Sizes & sun needs vary by type. Little water required once established.



2) Euphorbia / Gopher Spurge

This evergreen perennial adds color to any landscape, even in winter. Grows to be 1-2 feet tall & wide. It is very cold hardy as well as heat-tolerant with low water needs. Deer & gopher resistant due to toxic milk in foliage.



3) Coral Bark Japanese Maple

This deciduous tree is truly a tree for all seasons. Green leaves emerge on coral branches in the spring & turn red or yellow in fall. Coral branch color intensifies in winter. Grows 15 to 20 feet tall & thrives in part shade.



4) Coryline / Grass Palm

This evergreen perennial holds its stunning color throughout the year. Different varieties offer a range of colors like greens, yellows, purples, & reds. Most types are upright, reach 2-4 feet tall, & look fantastic in pots.



5) Red Twig Dogwood

This deciduous shrub adds winter color with showy red branches. Spring brings green leaves & small white flowers followed by blue berries. Grows to 8 feet tall & 5 feet wide. Yellow variety is also very attractive.



6) Ilex / Holly

This evergreen shrub/tree is a well-known winter favorite. Dark green leaves are combined with bright red berries. Deer-resistant & available in a range of sizes. Popular Christmas decoration all over the world.



7) Ornamental Grasses

Many grasses have a certain charm in winter. Carex Testacea (pictured) turns a bright orange in late fall. Others like Pennisetum, Miscanthus, & Switch Grass become brown but offer showy plumes in the winter.



8) Evergreen Trees

There are many evergreen trees which don't change in winter. Blue Spruce has showy blue tips. Other conifers like Cedars, Firs, & Pines look lovely covered in snow. Palm trees, Olives, & Bamboo are other unique options.



Honorable Mentions: *Heather, Variegated Boxwood, Paperbark Maple, Oregon Grape, & Ace Wilsonii Barberry*