

Wind Tolerant Plants

Wind tolerant plants have flexible stems, which allow them to bend and sway without breaking. Plants that are adapted to windy conditions usually have small, narrow leaves as well, such as needle-leaved conifers and ornamental grasses. There are some wind tolerant broadleaved evergreens, but they need to have really good cold tolerance. Below are some good examples.

Ornamental grasses are some of the most wind-tolerant plants around, and most require little watering.

Achillea species & cvs
Alchemilla mollis cvs.
Allium species & cvs.
Arborvitae species & cvs.
Artemisia species & cvs.
Azaleas species & cvs.
Betula species & cvs.
Carpinus betulus cvs.
Caryopteris cvs. native to the Himalayas which is a pretty good credential for being wind resistant.
Coreopsis species & cvs.
Cornus sericea cvs.
Crataegus viridis Winter King
Crocsmia cvs.
Cytisus scoparius cvs.
Erica x darleyensis Mediterranean Pink/White
Eryngium species & cvs.
Forsythia species & cvs.
Hemerocallis cvs.
Hypericum kalmianum Gemo
Junipers species & cvs.
*Lagerstroemia cvs.
Lavandula species & cvs.
Lindera angustifolia
Liquidambar styraciflua cvs.
*Magnolia grandiflora cvs.
* Magnolia virginiana cvs.
Malus cvs.
Miscanthus species & cvs
Myrica pensylvanica
Nassella tenuissima
Nepeta species & cvs.
Nyssa sylvatica cvs.
Ophiopogon planiscapus Nigrescens
Panicum species & cvs
Pennisetum species & cvs
Penstemon species & cvs



Perovskia species & cvs.
Platanus x acerifolia cvs.
Rhus species & cvs.
Rosa rugosa cvs.
Schizachyrium scoparium cvs.
Sedums (Groundcover types) & Sempervivum - low profile makes them very wind resistant
Stachys byzantina cvs.
Syringa species & cvs.
Taxodium distichum cvs.
Thyme species & cvs.
Viburnum dentatum & cvs.
Ornamental Grasses species & cvs.

****Summer winds only – needs winter protection***

