



PANTEGO PLANTING GUIDE



NOTES FROM THE GARDEN

If you live in Pantego and you've wondered why you've had to replace your landscape plants on a regular basis, this handout will provide that answer and help you to be a successful Pantego gardener. Pantego has salts in the tap water. Many plants are sensitive to salts and just can't tolerate an on-going dose. Sometimes in as little as a year, the regular dose of salt from watering kills certain plants. Have you noticed that your plants look much better during rainy periods when you don't have to supply the water? If you have clay soil the problem is even worse. Clay soils hold salts, which tie up nutrients. During stressful periods such as extreme cold spells when the plants reach down for help, they can actually pull salts up inside their system. For most plants this is sure death.

Don't Despair, Don't Move, Read This:

We have many gardeners in Pantego that Redenta's Garden has been working with for years now. With their patience and willingness to test plants in their yards and to test out products and procedures, Redenta's Garden has come up with a list of salt-tolerant plants and several special practices that will make your gardening experience a good one.

DO'S & DON'Ts

DO

Get on Redenta's Gardens basic organic program. You can pick one up free at either store.

When you do bed prep – follow the planting guides, also free at either store, and add lava sand, greensand and compost to your beds, especially if you have clay soil. These products will help to reduce the salt held in the soil, reduce watering needs, and break up the clay.

When you plant annuals – follow the planting guide. Foliar spray your annuals with *Bioform* or *Garrett Juice* every two weeks to keep them from yellowing.

For your lawn – the basic program works fairly well but in sandy yards, you will need to foliar feed about every 2-3 weeks instead of every 6-7 weeks. A ½-inch of compost spread once a year helps greatly to hold green in sandy soils.

Solve your drainage problems – good drainage is important anywhere, but it is essential in Pantego because of the high salts in the water.

DON'T

Don't use chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides. These products are full of salts and will only to your problems. They are also pollutants and are not good for your health.

Never add sand or peat moss. Both of these products can cause long-term drainage problems in your planting beds.

Don't over water. Get on the watering schedule; handout is free at either store. Most people water too much. Since your water is a problem, the watering schedule will teach you how to water as little as possible. This will help your water bills as well as your plants.

Don't plant the plants that are salt-sensitive. Some plants will state this on the tag, especially if the plants come from a coastal nursery.

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PLANTS FOR PANTEGO

water in the evening hours

TREES

- ❖ Austrian Pine (sun)
- ❖ Bald Cypress (sun)
- ❖ Black Japanese Pine (sun)
- ❖ Crepe Myrtle (sun)
- ❖ Desert Willow (sun)
- ❖ East Texas Palatka (sun)
- ❖ Elms – Weeping Willow (sun)
- ❖ Fig (am sun, pm shade)
- ❖ Forest Pansy Redbud (shade)
- ❖ Mesquite (sun)
- ❖ Mimosa (am sun, pm shade)
- ❖ Mondell Pine (sun)
- ❖ Oaks (sun)
- ❖ Oklahoma Redbud (shade)
- ❖ Pecan (sun)
- ❖ Wax Myrtle (sun or shade)
- ❖ Yaupon Holly (sun or shade)

VINES & GROUND COVERS

- ❖ Asian Jasmine (sun or shade)
- ❖ Boston Ivy (sun or shade)
- ❖ Carolina Jasmine (sun)
- ❖ Chinese Wisteria (shade)
- ❖ Cypress Vine (sun)
- ❖ English Ivy (shade)
- ❖ Honeysuckle (sun or shade)
- ❖ Trumpet Vine (sun)
- ❖ Virginia Creeper (partial sun)

ANNUALS

- ❖ Bougainvillea (sun or shade)
- ❖ Carpet Periwinkle (sun)
- ❖ Germander (am sun)
- ❖ Moss Rose (sun)
- ❖ Penta (am sun, pm shade)
- ❖ Periwinkle (sun)
- ❖ Petunias (sun)
- ❖ Snapdragons (sun)

SHRUBS

- ❖ Antique Rose (sun)
- ❖ Arborvitae (sun)
- ❖ Aucuba (shade)
- ❖ Buddleia (am sun, pm shade)
- ❖ Burford Holly (sun or shade)
- ❖ Camellia (shade)
- ❖ Cherry Laurel (shade)
- ❖ Cleyera (shade)
- ❖ Cotoneaster (sun)
- ❖ Elea gnus (sun or shade)
- ❖ Euonymus (sun or shade)
- ❖ Firebush (shade)
- ❖ Forsythia (shade)
- ❖ Foster Holly (sun or shade)
- ❖ Gardenia (shade)
- ❖ Hardy Hibiscus (sun)
- ❖ Holly Fern (shade)
- ❖ Horse Tail Reed (shade)
- ❖ Indian Hawthorn (sun or shade)
- ❖ Junipers (sun)
- ❖ Ligustrum (sun or shade)
- ❖ Nandina (sun or shade)
- ❖ Oleander (sun)
- ❖ Photinia (sun)
- ❖ Pigeonberry (shade)
- ❖ Pittosporum (partial sun)
- ❖ Privet (sun)
- ❖ Pyracantha (sun)
- ❖ Quince (sun)
- ❖ Sumac (sun)
- ❖ Tropical Hibiscus (partial sun)
- ❖ Turk's Cap (shade)
- ❖ Umbrella Sedge (shade)
- ❖ Yaupon Holly (sun or shade)
- ❖ Yucca (sun)

PERENNIALS

- ❖ Anisacanthus (sun)
- ❖ Artemisia (sun)
- ❖ Blackfoot Daisy (sun)
- ❖ Blue Shade Ruellia
- ❖ Cactus (sun)
- ❖ Cape Cod Plumbago
- ❖ Coralberry (shade)
- ❖ Coreopsis (sun)
- ❖ Dahlia (partial sun)
- ❖ Datura (partial sun)
- ❖ Daylilies (partial sun)
- ❖ Dianthus (sun)
- ❖ Gay feather (sun)
- ❖ Gazania Daisy (sun)
- ❖ Germander (am sun)
- ❖ Green Santolina (sun)
- ❖ Homestead Verbena
- ❖ Lamuim (shade)
- ❖ Lantana (sun)
- ❖ Mexican Bush Sage
- ❖ Mexican Heather
- ❖ Mexican Petunias
- ❖ Pink Panda (shade)
- ❖ Salvia (partial sun)
- ❖ Salvia Greggii
- ❖ Sedum (sun)
- ❖ Verbena Bonariensis
- ❖ Veronica (partial sun)
- ❖ Wood Violets (shade)
- ❖ Yarrow (partial sun)

HERBS

- ❖ Basil (partial sun)
- ❖ Chives (sun or shade)
- ❖ Lemon Thyme (sun)
- ❖ Oregano (partial sun)
- ❖ Rosemary (sun)
- ❖ Rue (sun or shade)

PLANTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR PANTEGO

- ✘ Abelia
- ✘ Ajuga
- ✘ Azalea
- ✘ Boxwood
- ✘ Chinese Holly
- ✘ Common Verbena
- ✘ Coneflower
- ✘ Hybrid Roses
- ✘ Hydrangea
- ✘ Japanese Maple
- ✘ Lavender
- ✘ Lavendercotton
- ✘ Magnolia
- ✘ Maple Trees
- ✘ Monkey Grass
- ✘ Thyme
- ✘ Wood Fern