

Plants that are Tolerant and Intolerant of Salt

Salt is extremely tough on plants, both from its build-up in the soil near treated surfaces and its physical contact with foliage and branches as salt-laden. It is important to choose plants that can tolerate both soil salt and salt spray when selecting plants that will be planted near roads, driveways, or sidewalks.

Plants that Tolerate Salt (Spray and Soil)

Trees:

- Ginkgo
- Honeylocust
- Kentucky Coffee Tree
- Lilac
- Maple (Norway)
- Oak (Bur, Red, and Swamp White)
- Serviceberry

Evergreens:

- Juniper (All Varieties)
- Pine (Mugo)
- Spruce (All Varieties)

Shrubs:

- Alpine Currant
- Chokeberry
- Clethra (Summersweet)
- Cotoneaster
- Hydrangea
- Lilac
- Potentilla
- Rose
- St. John's Wort
- Sumac

Perennials, Ornamental Grasses, and Ground

Covers:

- Artemesia
- Astilbe
- Baptisia
- Catmint
- Coralbells
- Dianthus
- Hosta
- Iris (Bearded and Siberian)
- Ornamental Grasses (Most Varieties, Especially Karl Foerester, Switch Grasses, Little Bluestem, Northern Sea Oats, Blue Fescues)
- Ornamental Onion
- Russian Sage
- Sedum
- Vinca
- Yarrow
- Yucca

Plants that are Intolerant of Salt (Spray or Soil)

Trees:

- Blue Beach
- Hackberry
- Larch
- Maple (Red and Sugar)
- Oak (Pin)
- Redbud

Evergreens:

- Balsam Fir
- False Cypress
- Hemlock
- White Pine
- Yew

Shrubs:

- Azalea
- Burning Bush
- Dogwood
- Rhododendron
- Smokebush
- Snowberry