

What are the top low-maintenance plants for Northeast Ohio landscapes?

Perennials (Reblooming, Pollinator-Friendly)

1. Coneflower (*Echinacea* spp.)

- Tough coneflower with daisy-like blooms in pink, purple, or white
- Thrives in full sun or partial shade, drought-tolerant, attracts butterflies and bees
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2. Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

- Bright yellow flowers midsummer to fall, drought-resistant once established
- Deer-resistant and pollinator-friendly
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3. Coreopsis (Tickseed)

- Sunny daisy-type blooms in yellow, gold, pink; blooms from early summer to fall
- Low-water, attracts butterflies, thrives in full sun [farrellslandscaping.com](#)

4. Daylily (*Hemerocallis* spp.)

- Fiercely hardy, blooms in many colors, low disease problems
- Versatile with sun or part shade
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5. Catmint (*Nepeta × faassenii*)

- Gray-green foliage with lavender-blue blooms April–October
- Superb drought tolerance and pollinator magnet
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6. Sedum (Stonecrop)

- Succulent foliage with star-shaped flowers
- Excellent drought tolerance—no fuss once established
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7. Garden Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*)

- Fragrant clusters of pink, purple, or white blooms midsummer to early fall
- Needs well-drained soil but minimal upkeep
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8. **Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*)**

- Tall purple flower spikes, drought-tolerant, attracts butterflies & hummingbirds
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9. **Hellebore (*Helleborus* spp.)**

- Blooms late winter/early spring, shade-loving, pest-resistant evergreen foliage
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10. **Baptisia (False Indigo)**

- Native with deep roots; drought-tolerant, blue spring blooms, attractive seed pods
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11. **Astilbe**

- Feathery flower plumes, shade to part shade, low deadheading, cut back in fall [thespruce.com](#)

Ornamental Grasses & Groundcovers

12. **Northern Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)**

- Shade-tolerant native grass with dangling oat-like seed heads
- Ideal for woodland edges and wet areas [en.wikipedia.org+1petittigardencenter.com+1](#)

13. **Hairawn Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)**

- Pink feathery blooms in fall, drought-tolerant, pest-resistant clumping grass
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14. **Feather Reed Grass (e.g., Karl Foerster)**

- Upright form, beige plumes late summer through winter, thrives in sun or partial shade
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15. **Liriope (“Monkey Grass”)**

- Evergreen groundcover with lavender summer flowers, tolerates shade/moisture
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Shrubs & Evergreen Structure

16. Juniper (Juniperus spp.)

- Evergreen shrubs/trees; wide soil tolerance, drought-resistant, public/open-space hardy
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17. Arborvitae (Thuja spp.)

- Dense evergreen screens; minimal pruning, adaptable to moisture and sun variations

18. Serviceberry (Amelanchier spp.)

- Small tree/shrub with spring flowers, summer berries, and great wildlife value
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19. Hydrangea (Hydrangea spp.)

- Big flowering shrubs, easy care varieties suitable for local winters
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Pollinator-Native Powerhouses

20. Bee Balm (Monarda spp.)

- Red/pink blooms to attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds; deer-resistant
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21. Blanket Flower (Gaillardia spp.)

- Bright red/orange daisy-like blooms, drought-tolerant, deer-resistant, long bloom time
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22. Yarrow (Achillea spp.)

- Flat clusters of flowers, tolerant of heat and dry conditions; deer-resistant