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GARDENING BY THE SEA

PLANTING A GARDEN ALONG THE COAST CAN BE TRICKY, BUT DON'T DESPAIR. THERE ARE WAYS TO COMBINE GARDENING WITH THE SALTY, WINDY CONDITIONS WE FACE AT THE SEASHORE.



SEASHORE GARDENING IS ALL ABOUT CHOOSING THE RIGHT PLANTS, AMENDING THE SOIL, AND PROVIDING A SCREEN FROM THE WIND:

Visiting gardens in your neighborhood will help you recognize what thrives in your particular area.

Wind is a big concern; it can be deadly on shrubs, so making a screen to protect your garden will certainly reduce the problem.

Sandy soil is difficult to work with; an introduction of organic material will help the soil retain moisture. (This, in my opinion is the most important part, so make sure you put a lot of effort into it.

LISTED BELOW ARE PLANTS THAT THRIVE BY THE SEA:

Trees and shrubs: holly, Eastern Red Cedar, Ragusa rose, bayberry, yucca, hydrangea, and Holly-wood juniper

Perennials: blanket flower, day lily, yarrow, Shasta daisy, grasses, hosta, rudbeckia, perennial geraniums, sedums, and lamb's ear

Annuals: portulacca, lantana, geraniums, and gazanias

YOU CAN ADD A GREAT NUMBER OF PLANTS TO THIS LIST IF YOU FOLLOW THE ADVICE ABOVE. BY PUTTING IN A LITTLE HARD WORK (OR LETTING A LANDSCAPE COMPANY DO IT FOR YOU!), YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN BY THE SEA.