

# The Best Drought-Tolerant Perennials

When summer heat kicks in, rely on these drought-tolerant plants to hold their own -- and still look beautiful.



## Purple Coneflower

It's hard not to love purple coneflower (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/flowers/coneflower.htm>). This resilient perennial (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/flowers/perennial.htm>) blooms much of the summer producing tons of mauve-purple blooms that hold up really well when cut. Or, if you leave them in the garden, they'll attract scores of butterflies.

**Name:** *Echinacea purpurea*

**Conditions:** Full sun and well-drained soil (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/soil.htm>)

**Size:** To 5 feet tall

**Zones:** 3-9

Tips on Growing Purple Coneflower (<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/plant-dictionary/perennial/coneflower/>)

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