

## Perennial Hardiness Standards

Perennials listed as Zone 4 are considered not hardy for our zone. Grand Rapids and most of the surrounding area is classified as Zone 3b.

However, many Zone 4 perennials have been successfully grown in our area. Always mulch Zone 4 and new perennials in the fall to provide adequate winter protection. We suggest doing this for all your perennials.

Remember that the [USDA hardiness Zone Map](#) is created based on average minimum temperatures and should only be used as a general guide.

In addition to zones, plan maintenance and care is just as important to determine hardiness in this area.