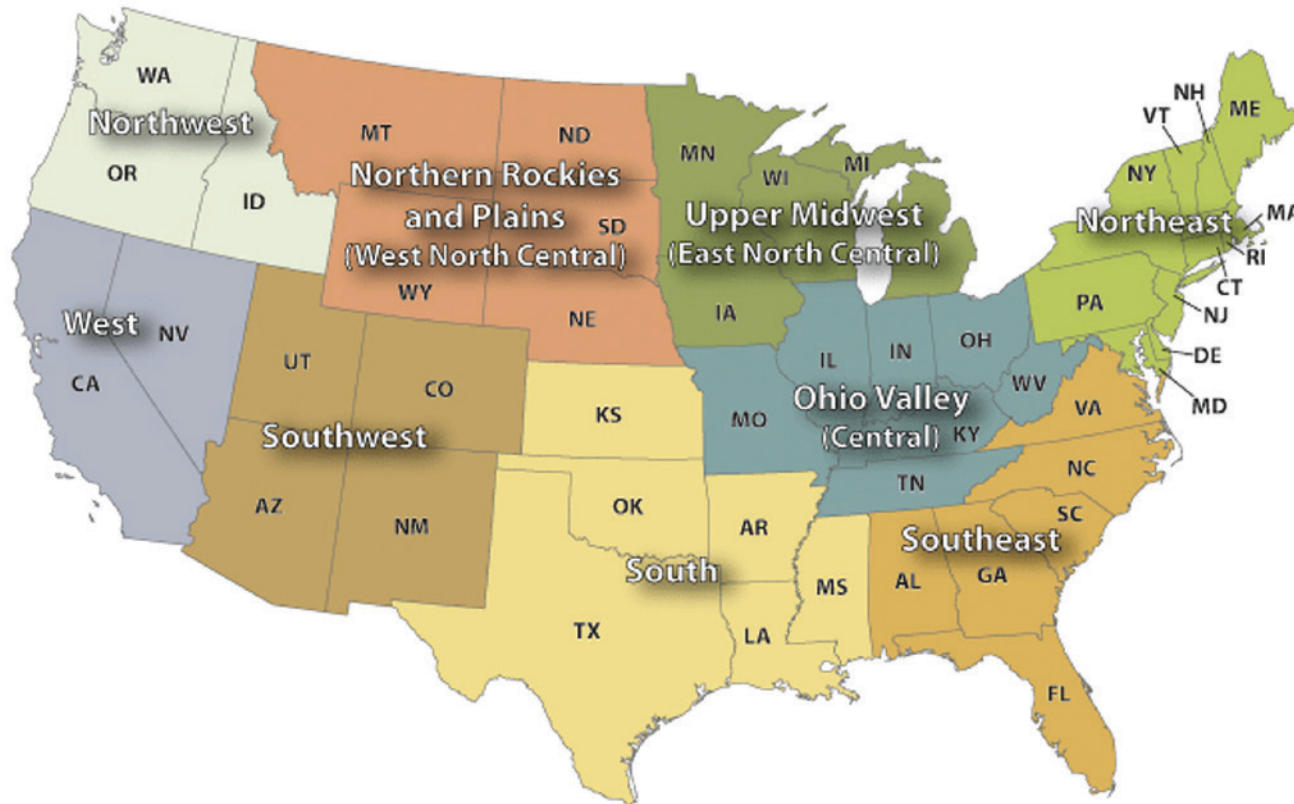


PARENTS: KNOW YOUR CLIMATIC REGION

Understanding your climatic region helps you choose the right plants and grasses for your garden.



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Less is more: Don't overwater your lawn. If necessary, make sure to water deeply and only in the early morning hours, when evaporation rates are low.

Prune to perfection: Some shrubs will need summer pruning; some will call for midseason attention. For healthy shrubs, know your pruning calendar!

Lawn for your locale: Plant the right kind of grass. Knowing which grass for your area is best and using composted plant matter is important for healthy soil.

Raise that blade: Taller grass blades offer much-needed shade for soil and roots in the summer. Leave your grass high in those warmer months.

Nutrient delivery system: Collect grass clippings when you're done mowing the lawn. Clippings can be mixed into compost and make a good fertilizer.

Water wisdom: Rain barrels are great for recycling water to use on the lawn. Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation to reduce water waste!

BONUS! Your child has the chance to win **\$5,000** in the **"Be a Backyard Superhero" Contest** on behalf of his or her school to improve the school's green space! Parents, go to www.scholastic.com/Turfmutt/parents for complete contest rules and details.

