

# Xeriscaping

## WHAT IS XERISCAPING?

Xeriscaping is a form of landscaping with drought tolerant plants to eliminate the need for supplemental watering.

## WHY CONSIDER XERISCAPING

- ◆ Xeriscaping is fast becoming one of the hottest trends on the home gardening front.
- ◆ Xeriscaping beautifies any yard.
- ◆ It provides environmental benefits and is easy to manage.
- ◆ It conserves a lot of water.



- ◆ Provides many attractive planting options.
- ◆ Presents minimal pest and disease problems.
- ◆ Thrives with little fertilization.
- ◆ Requires low pruning and maintenance.
- ◆ Improves the soil.
- ◆ Encourages biodiversity and discourages extinction of native plants.

## XERISCAPING TIPS

- ◆ Use plants that are native and well-adapted to the area.
- ◆ Ornamental grasses offer a gorgeous alternative to thirsty lawns. Examples include Purple Fountain grass, Stricta, Rubra Maiden grass, Yellow pampas grass, Mexican feather grass and Blue Oat grass.
- ◆ Grow trees like willow, olive, palm and conifer trees such as spruce, juniper and pine which require less water.
- ◆ Consider making a rock garden using big rocks and boulders buried halfway in the sand.
- ◆ Use mulch to moderate soil temperatures and conserve moisture.



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