

Consider this...

- Water-wise gardens save water, save money, and are easy to maintain.
- You do not have to use gravel or cactus. The photos on this pamphlet show that a water wise landscape can be full of color using a variety of plants to provide year round interest.
- Pollinators like butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds love gardens filled with pollinator friendly, water wise plants.
- Water wise gardens can provide reduced maintenance and water costs, curb appeal, easy yard care, and are good for the environment.

All of that gives you more time to enjoy your landscape and keeps money in your pocket.



Water Wise Landscape Design



1. Water Conservation: Consider using water-wise or native plants where possible. By organizing plants into zones based on water use, you get the most out of the water that you do use.

2. Turf: Select a grass type that is appropriate for Colorado. Turf growers have crafted new varieties that look and feel like Kentucky blue grass, but require substantially less water.

3. Plants: Nurseries use what are called “hardiness zones” to determine where plants will likely do well. Evans is designated with a hardiness zone of “5b”. For a healthy landscape select plants that grow within this zone.

4. Soil Amendments: The plants you select will play a role in which soil improvements you use to support them. Some plants like a sandy soil, others prefer soils with a rich mix of several elements. Understand what soil you currently have and ask your plant provider for guidance.

5. Mulch: Mulch placed around trees, shrubs, and flowers can help control weeds, reduce evaporation, and keep the soil cool. Mulch brings different textures and visual interest to the landscape. Mulch depth should be between 3 and 4 inches to be effective, but no deeper as not to attract unwanted pests.

6. Irrigation: Be sure to consider recent precipitation, the current needs of your turf, and the City of Evans Outdoor Watering Policies effective between April 15 and October 15. Outdoor watering is allowed on scheduled days except between the hours of noon and 5pm.

- Single-family homes with:
 - Even-numbered addresses should only water lawns on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday of each week,
 - Odd-numbered addresses should only water lawns on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday of each week.
- Multi-family residents or apartments should only water lawns on Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday of each week.
- Watering mid-day leads to loss of water through evaporation from the sun.

7. Maintenance: If you are not keen on yard work, it’s worth noting that once established a water-wise landscape generally requires less maintenance and it can even help you battle the weeds once plants are established and have grown near one another. Reduced maintenance and natural weed control are two more benefits of using a water-wise approach to landscape design.

For More Information on Water Wise Landscaping visit:

<https://www.evanscolorado.gov/WaterConservationHome>

Here you can find water conservation tips, regulations, and a list of programs that support water conservation and water wise landscaping.



Some programs offer up to \$500 in project assistance.

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