

GreenerScapes®

Xeriscape made easy!

Forget your pre-conceptions and never mind all the boring talk about 'principles' and 'requirements' - it's easy and it's just common sense.

Plan



- use small turfgrass areas - to frame or showcase a specific feature, or for a specific use, e.g. kids play area
- select drought resistant types of turfgrass that are suitable for your area
- select plants that are suitable for your area
- put the right plant in the right place
- group plants with similar water requirements together

Improve your soil



- a soil analysis will tell you what your soil is missing
- your County Extension Service probably does them for a low cost
- look in the Blue Pages of your phone book for the number
- Southern soils are generally acidic and composed of clay - adding organic amendments when you plant will make your plants' lives happier and yours, too, by requiring less fertilizer and less water

Irrigate efficiently



- always follow state watering guidelines
- if you use automatic irrigation, set up different zones for turfgrass and for plants with different water needs
- watering before 10am is optimal
- test your automatic system regularly and keep it maintained

Use mulches



- mulches keep soils and roots cooler, minimize weeds, prevent soil splash on plants and buildings, help minimize erosion, slow down evaporation of moisture from the soil, and give your landscape a professional, finished appearance
- 2" to 4" of any organic mulch will keep your plants happy while saving you time, money and water

Maintain easily



- keep your plants healthy and happy, but don't over fertilize
- follow manufacturer's directions for any chemicals you use
- your shrubs' branches offer shade to the plant and the soil keeping them cooler and pruning encourages growth, so don't over-prune
- remove weeds that compete with your plants for moisture
- keep your turfgrass areas mowed at the recommended height

Save Time - Save Money - Save Water
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