

If your organization would like to schedule a presentation about water conservation, please contact
Mojave Water Agency

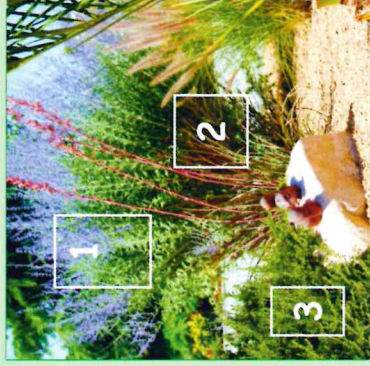
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Participating Nurseries

- Better View Nursery (Hesperia)
- Cal Herbold's Nursery (Hesperia)
- Mark & Nellie's Nursery (Victorville)
- Oak Hills Nursery (Hesperia)
- Unique Garden Center (Yucca Valley)
- Victor Valley College
- The Cactus Mart (Morongo Valley)
- Garrison's Foothill Nursery (Upland)
- Hannah's Nursery & Gardens (Joshua Tree)



1. Lavender Cotton
2. Sedum
3. River Rock
4. Redwood Bark



1. Russian Sage
2. Red Yucca
3. Rosemary

Please visit the **AWAC** website, www.hdawac.org, for:

- ◆ Water-Smart Landscaping and other outdoor water saving tips
- ◆ A Guide to High Desert Landscaping and a list of other water-smart gardening books
- ◆ Demonstration gardens in the area
- ◆ Scheduled Events, including free Water-Smart Workshops
- ◆ Links to participating AWAC agencies

1. Lily of the Nile
2. Texas Ranger
3. Autumn Sage

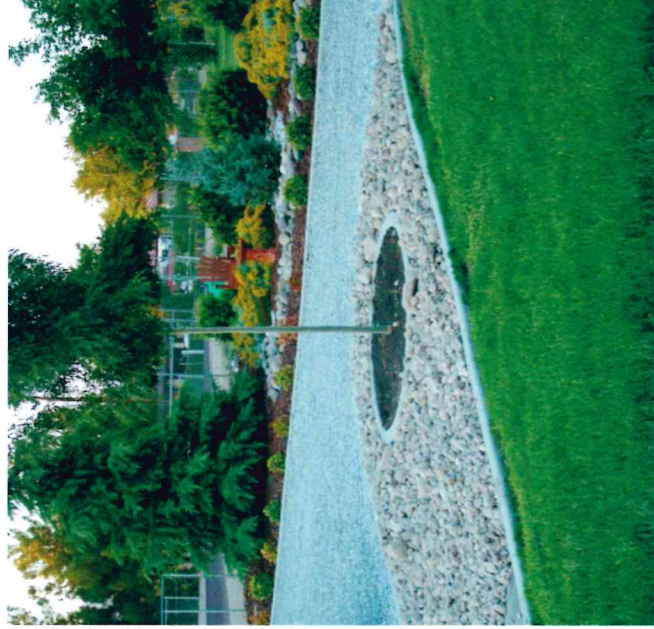


Over half of the water used by a typical residence or business goes into irrigating the landscape.

Reducing water use through Water Smart landscaping can save you money and help to ensure the future supply of this vital natural resource.

Not Just Rocks & Cacti

A well designed Water-Smart landscape is both attractive AND water-efficient.



- 1. Plan and design**
 - ⇒ Create a basic plan of your property before installing plants. Draw a simple, to scale (ten feet per inch) drawing of your property. Show existing landscape and hardscapes (driveways, walkways, patios, etc.).
 - ⇒ Identify areas exposed to sun, shade, and wind. Identify where surface water flows and drains off on property, any low spots, and slopes.
 - ⇒ For a good visual, take some pictures of your property, place tracing paper on top of photograph and outline existing landscape and hardscapes.
- 2. Evaluate and improve soil**
 - ⇒ Adding soil amendments to the soil to improve its physical properties and provides a better environment for roots by improving water retention, drainage etc.
- 3. Create practical turf areas**
 - ⇒ Minimize turf areas as much as possible. Limit them to functional areas.
- 4. Use appropriate plants**
 - ⇒ Group plants according to their water requirement. Select plants with low water use requirements that are adapted to the High Desert. Visit www.hdawac.org for a listing of AWAC recommended plants.
- 5. Irrigate Efficiently**
 - ⇒ Learn how to operate and adjust your irrigation controller.
 - ⇒ Shut off timer when it's raining.

- ⇒ Apply less water in shady areas.
- ⇒ Use drip irrigation to water trees and shrubs.
- ⇒ To prevent water run off, program your controller to water as many as four start times (wait an hour after each start time before watering again). Set the watering run time duration from two to four minutes for each cycle, but no longer than four minutes.

6. Use mulches

Use mulches to reduce soil moisture evaporation. Mulching can reduce water need by 30 to 50 %.

7. Maintain appropriately

- ⇒ Maintain your plants by keeping them free of disease and insects. Do not over water. Root rot is caused by over watering. Keep free of weeds because weeds compete with plants for water.
- ⇒ Maintain your irrigation system— make adjustments and repairs to your sprinklers, as needed.

