

Some drought resistant plants and

shrubs:

Amelanchier alnifolia
(Saskatoon Berry)

Artemisia 'Silver Mound'

Columbine

Baby's Breath

Pansies

Marigold

Iris

Cosmo

Tulips

Crocuses



Xeriscaping



Marigold



Crocuses



Tulip



Pansies



Saskatoon Berry



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Start Xeriscaping Today

What is xeriscaping?

Xeriscaping is quality landscaping that conserves water and reduces maintenance. It is not visually different from conventional landscaping and can be done on any type of open space.

How can I benefit?

- You can save 50-75% of your household water consumption
- Other than pruning and occasional weeding, maintenance is minimal, watering is cut in half
- No need for fertilizers or pesticides
- You will be helping alleviate pollution. Lawn mowers will be used less since there will be smaller areas of grass to cut



Seven principals of xeriscaping:

1. Planning and Design Structures

- Consider areas of sun & shade
- Group plants with similar water needs

2. Soil Improvement

- Drains faster and stores water at the same time
- Increases amount of organic matter and keeps it well aerated

3. Create Limited Grass Area

- If planting grass, keep swards longer which shade the roots require less water to keep soil moist

4. Appropriate Drought Resistant Plants

- Select plants native to your region
- Drought resistant plants that are small, thick, glossy or fuzzy all save water
- Plant trees, they reduce evaporation and block wind

5. Mulch

- Cover the surface with leaves, pine needles, wood chips or gravel
- This helps retain moisture and temperature and will block out weeds
- Make sure mulch is approximately 2 to 4 inches thick once spread on ground

6. Irrigate

- Avoid over-watering
- Soaker hoses and drip irrigation offer the most effective watering because they transfer water right to the root

7. Maintain Your Landscaping

- Low maintenance is a great benefit
- Lay thick layers of mulch
- Do not cut your grass too short
- Maintain grass height at 3" minimum



There are many colors of mulch available to choose from.

Perfect for any yard.