



7 Steps to Xeriscaping in West Texas



1 Planning and design is the foundation of any water-wise landscape.

2 Soil analysis will determine whether soil improvement is needed for better water absorption and improved water-holding capacity.

3 Practical turf area suggests that turfgrasses be used as a planned element in the landscape. Avoid impractical turf use, such as long, narrow areas.

4 Appropriate plant selection keeps the landscape more in tune with the natural environment. Both native and exotic plants are varieties available for Xeric landscaping.

5 By simply using efficient irrigation, you can save 30 to 50 percent on your water bill.

6 Use mulches in flower and shrub beds to prevent water loss from the soil through evaporation and to increase water penetration during irrigations.

7 Appropriate maintenance preserves the beauty of the xeriscape landscape plus saves water. Pruning, weeding, proper fertilization, pest control and irrigation system adjustments all conserve water.

Source: Denver Water Department

The word xeriscape originates from the Greek word *xeros*, which translates to dry.

