

# WATERWAYS

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## CONSERVE, CONSERVE, CONSERVE.

It's important to conserve our natural, precious resource – water – for a number of reasons:

- Water conservation saves money;
- Water conservation saves energy;
- Water conservation helps protect the environment;
- Water conservation helps prevent shortages in our communities.

**It's also very easy to conserve water! Here are a few recommendations:**

**Repair leaks.** A single dripping faucet can waste hundreds, even thousands of gallons per year and the majority of leaks are simple to detect and easy to repair! Inspect pipes and hoses for pinhole leaks or leaking joints.

**Use Less/Spend less.** Plug the drain when you wash, brush your teeth or shave. Running water is wasteful! Take a "shallow" bath and keep showers short with pressure at a lower force. Flush the toilet only when necessary and consider installing a low-flow toilet.

**Reuse/Recycle.** When cleaning, use a pail instead of running water and when preparing to use the outdoor barbeque, presoak grills and oven parts overnight, washing with an abrasive pad instead of scraping parts under the faucet.



If we conserve water every day — we can save a lot! For more information on water conservation, please visit our website at [www.unitedwater.com](http://www.unitedwater.com).



## XERISCAPING

Xeriscaping, also known as drought-tolerant landscaping or smart scaping, is a method of landscape design that minimizes water usage, making water available for other community uses and the environment. In addition, less time and work is required for the maintenance of this type of landscaping. When coupled with soil grading or mulching, xeriscaping takes optimal advantage of rainfall retention. Mulching also keeps plant roots cool, prevents soil from crusting and minimizes weed growth. Whether you are planting shrubs, trees, grasses, ground covers, perennials or annuals, water conservation gardens save money and conserve a precious natural resource — our water.

**Here are seven basic steps that will help to create your own water conservation garden:**

- Planning and design
- Soil improvements
- Practical lawns
- Plant selection
- Efficient irrigation
- Effective use of mulches
- Maintenance

For more information about Xeriscaping, water conservation and plant selections please visit our website at [www.unitedwater.com](http://www.unitedwater.com) or contact your local nursery or cooperative extension.



Planting a variety of vegetation and flowers with distinctive heights, colors and textures will add to the interest and beauty of your landscape design.



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