

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Water-Wise Landscaping

Check out these organizations and sites for ideas, lists, tips and more.

Resources for getting started

- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** *Water-Smart Landscapes*
<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-01/documents/ws-outdoor-water-efficient-landscaping.pdf>
- **Colorado State University Extension:** *Xeriscaping: Creative Landscaping*
<http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/xeriscaping-creative-landscaping-7-228/>
- **Denver Water:** *Water Wise Landscape Handbook*
https://www.denverwater.org/sites/default/files/2017-05/Water_Wise_Landscape_Handbook.pdf

Changing out your grass

- **Resource Central:** *Turf Removal & Replacement 101*
<https://resourcecentral.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Turf-Removal-101.pdf>
- **Colorado State University Extension:** *Xeriscaping: Retrofit Your Yard*
<http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/xeriscaping-retrofit-your-yard-7-234/>

Tips for watering more efficiently

- **Colorado State University Extension:** *Watering Established Lawns*
<http://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/garden/07199.pdf>
- **Denver Water:** *residential watering best practices*
<https://www.denverwater.org/residential/rebates-and-conservation-tips/summer-watering-rules>

Rebates and incentives

In Colorado, many water utilities offer rebates and/or other incentives for customers who reduce bluegrass lawn, install more efficient irrigation systems, and more. Check with your local utility!



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“Smart” home irrigation systems

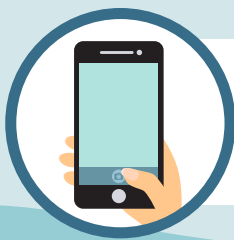
These systems adjust watering based on real-time weather conditions and allow you to control the schedule anytime, anywhere—from your smartphone. This adds up to saving water and money.

- Rachio: <https://www.rachio.com/>
- RainMachine: <https://www.rainmachine.com/>
- Orbit: <https://bhyve.orbitonline.com/>

Low-water gardens: the basics, plant lists, tips and sources

- **Denver Botanic Gardens: “Water Stewardship”**
Host of educational programs and partnerships, many with resources for the public
<https://www.botanicgardens.org/beyond/water-stewardship>
- **Plant Select: resource on low-water gardens for high plains, intermountain regions**
<http://plantselect.org/>
- **Resource Central: Gardens in a Box (Boulder area and Metro Denver)**
Turnkey kits to create water-wise gardens, including native plants and planting guides
<https://resourcecentral.org/gardens/>
- **Colorado Springs Utilities: “Water-wise landscape resources”**
Plant list, irrigation tips, partners and fact sheets
<https://www.csu.org/pages/xeriscaperesources.aspx>
- **City of Boulder, Open Space & Mountain Parks: “Gardening with our Native Plants”**
Local suppliers, tips for growing, benefits
<https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/nativegardens>
- **Denver Water: “Xeriscape Resources”**
Listing of demonstration gardens, publications, videos, etc.
<https://www.denverwater.org/residential/rebates-and-conservation-tips/remodel-your-yard/xeriscape-resources>
- **High Country Gardens**
Pioneer and supplier of water-wise perennials, native plants, ornamental grasses and succulents
<https://www.highcountrygardens.com/>

Note: These are just some of the resources available! Check with your local nursery and water utility, or look online for more ideas and guidance.



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