

10 Ways to be "Green" in Your Landscape

1. Landscaping with native plants and grasses improves the overall function of the ecosystem. Hardy natives require less water and maintenance.
2. Planting the right tree in the right place can save energy. Trees offer protection from wind, plus they provide shade and cool air around the home.
3. Do Xeriscape gardening which is gardening with plants whose natural requirements are appropriate to the local climate. Lavender, juniper, sedum, and thyme are commonly used in Xeriscaping.
4. Decrease the size of your lawn. Little or no lawn mowing--which saves gas--leaves space for increased habitat for native bees, butterflies, and other fauna.
5. Save roof rain run off with a rain barrel. Install a drip irrigation system for watering.
6. Compost, compost, compost! Compost your own yard and garden waste.
7. Grow your own vegetables. Get children involved in planting and maintaining the garden and create a connection to the land.
8. Use a rain sensor for your irrigation system and reduce water consumption by up to 10%.
9. Switch over to high efficiency sprinkler heads to reduce water consumption by 45%
10. Plant perennials. They are a great investment, inexpensive, grow at a fast rate and are dividable.