

# Seven Principles of WaterWise Landscaping

## 1. **Planning and Design**

A landscape isn't a bunch of plants; it is a set of miniature ecosystems where everything affects everything. Plan ahead.

## 2. **Soil Evaluation and Improvement**

Soil is where it all starts. To match plant needs to soil, you have to know the soil type.

## 3. **Practical Turf Areas**

Select the appropriate grass species and consider the size and geometry of turf areas for optimal water use.

## 4. **Appropriate Plant Selection**

Use plants well adapted to thrive in your area.

## 5. **Efficient Irrigation**

Water only the plants that need it and only when they need it.

## 6. **Use of Mulches**

Mulch cuts down on evaporation of water and keeps the plants cool.

## 7. **Appropriate Maintenance**

Keeping turf at its optimal height, checking the irrigation system, and other basic maintenance saves time and water while providing a more beautiful landscape.