

HOW TO ASSESS YOUR PROPERTY FOR LOW WATER LANDSCAPING

LOW WATER LANDSCAPE REBATE PROGRAM

Both the City of Flagstaff's Water Conservation Program and The Arboretum will assist you in assessing your property and soil. You can find native plant lists for your neighborhood or area on the City's website at: www.flagstaff.az.gov/lowwaterlandscape. Each of these lists details how much water you will need, the flower color and bloom time, and light needs of recommended plants.

Follow the seven principles of low water landscaping:

1. Plan and design properly (see Water Use Zones). Incorporate down spouts and dry creek beds into landscape design to achieve rain water harvesting.
2. Improve the soil if necessary. (Most native plants will not require soil improvements.)
3. Use appropriate low-water-use plants
4. Minimize lawn areas and use native grasses
5. If you irrigate, use drip irrigation
6. Use wood mulch where appropriate
7. Maintain your irrigation system and plantings

Here are some simple tips to help you:

- Take note of how much sun your property receives in different areas, and if you have particularly dry areas. This will help you decide what to plant.
- Think about your soil and how it may affect what you can plant.
- Keep in mind butterflies or birds you may want to attract. See plant lists for more info.
- Share your plant lists and discuss your preferences with your landscaper. Do you want lots of color, easy care shrubs, or green all year long?
- Know your weeds and pull them out!

• **DON'T PLANT:** Russian olive, crested wheatgrass, hollyhock, pampas grass or oxeye daisy. They can become invasive and take over your property.

