



## Delta Conservation District

### Conserving Colorado's Natural Resources

#### GUIDE TO XERISCAPE® IN WESTERN COLORADO



## Related Literature, Websites and Sources

*The Xeriscape Flower Gardener*, by Jim Knopf  
*Xeriscape Colorado: The Complete Guide*, by  
Connie Lockhart Ellefson

*Xeriscape Plant Guide*, by Denver Water  
*Waterwise Landscaping with Trees, Shrubs and  
Vines* by Jim Knopf

*High and Dry—Gardening with Cold Hardy*

*Dryland Plants*, by Robert Nold

[www.WesternSlopeGardening.XericLinks.html](http://www.WesternSlopeGardening.XericLinks.html)

[www.coloradogardening.com/drought.htm](http://www.coloradogardening.com/drought.htm)

[www.xeriscape.org](http://www.xeriscape.org)

[www.highcountrygardens.com](http://www.highcountrygardens.com)

CSU Extension at Montrose,

1001 Friendship Hall 970.249.3935

### There are several Xeriscape® demonstration gardens in the vicinity

Montrose Botanical Garden, 1800  
Pavilion Drive, Montrose, Colorado

Mesa County Arboretum, 2775 Hwy  
50, Grand Junction, Colorado

Arboretum at Western Colorado  
Research Center, 30624 Highway  
92, Rogers Mesa, Colorado

The Fort at Confluence Park ,  
205 Gunnison River Dr.



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District**

We live in the desert here in western Colorado. The Delta Conservation District highly encourages the use of water-wise landscaping known as **Xeriscaping®**.

Our average rain fall here is between 8-10 inches per year. A typical bluegrass lawn requires 30 additional inches of water to survive here in western Colorado, not to mention the pesticides, fertilizers, fossil fuels and elbow grease to keep it green.

Xeriscape® is a patented name that stands for water-conserving landscapes. The concept of Xeriscape® is based on seven principles: planning & design, limiting turf areas, selecting and zoning plants appropriately, improving the soil, using mulches, irrigating efficiently, and doing appropriate maintenance. Xeriscape® is **not** ugly, brown rocks and black plastic. A properly-designed Xeriscape® can be beautiful and even more interesting than a water-loving landscape.

## The Many Benefits of Xeriscape®:

- *Saves Water, Time and Money*
- *Requires Less Maintenance*
- *Requires Less Fertilizer and Pesticide*
- *Improves Property Values*
- *Requires Less Fossil Fuels*
- *Provides Wildlife Habitat*
- *Results in less runoff of irrigation laden with fertilizers, pesticides, salts and selenium*
- *Plants adapted to local conditions are more resistant to insects and diseases*



## Nurseries

There are several local nurseries that specialize in native and drought-tolerant landscape plants. Check your phone book under nursery listings and ask if the nursery specializes in Xeriscape®

## Education

Attend Xeriscape® classes at Delta Montrose Technical College 1765 Hwy 50, Delta, Colorado 970.874.7671

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