

Xeriscaping

What are the benefits of xeriscaping?

- Lower landscape water usage and costs
- Decreased landscape maintenance needs
- Reduced dependence on chemical pesticides & fertilizers
- Enhanced urban wildlife habitat
- Reduced storm water runoff
- Year-round aesthetic interest



Helpful Tips

To the casual observer, a prairie grass and wildflower landscape may be perceived as an unkempt lawn. However, steps can be taken to promote the introduction of a prairie landscape into the traditional neighborhood. Talk to your neighbors before installing the landscape and discuss the beauty, uniqueness, reduced maintenance and water needs, and other community benefits.

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What is Xeriscaping?

Xeriscape (pronounced Zeer-i-scape) is the wise use of water through water-efficient landscaping and the utilization of plants better adapted to local climatic and soil conditions.



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The 7 Principles of Xeriscaping

- Take visual inventory of your space and plan your design accordingly
- Improve existing soil conditions as necessary
- Locate lawns very strategically and consider all alternatives to lawns
- Use mulches to moderate soil temperatures and to conserve moisture
- Utilize plants that are native or well adapted to the geographical/climatic conditions
- Water efficiently
- Provide regular landscape maintenance

Xeriscaping Plant Choices

Native plant species are encouraged because they are adapted to your environment and will not require fertilizing or excess watering. Some plants native to Eastern North Dakota include:

Trees

- Golden Willow
- Chokecherry
- Common Lilac

Grasses

- Prairie Junegrass
- Little Bluestem
- Sideoats Grama

Ornamentals

- Black-eyed Susan
- Purple Coneflower
- Blanket Flower
- Purple Prairie Clover

