

Late Spring/Early Summer Newsletter | 2025

Spring into Conservation with Xeriscape

As the days get longer and the flowers start to bloom, spring offers us a fresh start and the perfect opportunity to reflect on how we can better conserve our natural resources, particularly water. Spring is a time of renewal, and by adopting simple water-saving habits, we can ensure that this precious resource is available for future generations. An easy and sustainable option is xeriscape.

Xeriscape is a style of landscape design that requires little or no irrigation and other maintenance. Xeriscaping can help you cut down on your monthly water bills, lowering outdoor water use by 30-50%, or more!

Environmental Benefits

- **Water Resource Protection:** By reducing water consumption, xeriscaping helps conserve precious water resources for the community and the environment.
- **Reduced Chemical Runoff:** Less watering means less need for fertilizers and pesticides, reducing the risk of chemical runoff into waterways.
- **Habitat Creation:** Xeriscape gardens can provide valuable habitat for native wildlife, supporting biodiversity.

Did you know the Rancho Sahuarita community has a local xeriscape garden? If you're looking for ideas and inspiration to start your own garden, stop by and visit. The garden, located at the "Desert Garden Trail", showcases sustainable landscaping with low-water plants that thrive in our area. It's the perfect place to gather tips and get creative with your own outdoor space!

Pima County Smartscape Program

The Pima County Smartscape Program promotes best management practices based on xeriscape principles for creating and maintaining healthy, water-efficient landscapes.

This approach improves irrigation efficiency in the residential, multifamily, commercial, and industrial water-user classes, which creates savings in water, maintenance, energy, and dollars.

To register or to learn more, contact the Pima County Smartscape Program office at 520-626-5161 or visit the links below. Classes are free of charge.

- Pima Smartscape: A Training for Landscape Professionals (<https://smartscape.org>)
- Pima Smartscape Professionals Directory:

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