

# Switch to Desert-Friendly Landscaping

## A Beginner's Guide



### Did You Know?

Here in the Coachella Valley, outdoor watering can account for up to 70% of water use in some homes and businesses. Water efficient landscaping can cut that in half! Create a beautiful, low-maintenance yard that saves water and money!

### Start Simple. Grow Smart.

Water-wise landscaping is easier than you think—and the benefits grow season after season. Whether you're refreshing your front yard or revamping a commercial space, smart landscape choices can reduce water use, lower utility bills, and create thriving outdoor spaces.

### What is Water-Wise Landscaping?

It's all about using the right plants, irrigation systems, and design strategies to reduce water waste while maintaining beauty and function.

### Here's How to Begin

- 1. Plan with Purpose.** Start with a landscape layout that suits your space and water goals. Consider grouping plants with similar water needs.
- 2. Choose Climate-Friendly Plants.** Opt for native and desert-friendly plants that thrive in our local conditions with minimal care.
- 3. Improve Your Soil.** Healthy soil retains water better. Compost and mulch help reduce evaporation and suppress weeds.
- 4. Irrigate Efficiently.** Use drip systems, smart controllers, and water during non-daylight hours to reduce waste and run-off.
- 5. Maintain for Sustainability.** Prune, mulch, and monitor your landscape to keep it healthy and efficient all year long.

### We Can Help Get You Started

The Valley's six water agencies offer guidance and rebates to help you on your water-wise landscape journey.

## Help conserve our most precious resource.

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**Every Drop Counts.**

