## Conserving Water Solutions for Your Landscape UNIVERSITY of LEAS Extension

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## Drought-friendly Landscaping

Water conservation is important all the time. You can save water by planning your home landscape carefully.

No matter the weather, select plants suited to your area of the state and the conditions in your yard. Choose plants that can survive mainly on rainfall once established. You'll save money on your water bills and work less to maintain your landscape.

Group your plants in beds according to their water needs instead of scattering them randomly. This'll make it easier to irrigate them and to mow around plantings. Choose a turfgrass that'll survive dry periods.

Install micro-spray and drip irrigation products to water your plants. These systems deliver water directly to the roots of the plants, meaning less water is lost to evaporation.

Mulch trees, shrubs, and planting beds with a two- to three-inch layer of organic mulch to help keep moisture in and reduce weeds, which can steal water from plantings.

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