



Waterwise Landscape Education

Save water this summer
by learning this spring.

Spring 2018 Class Schedule

The Gardens on Spring Creek
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XERISCAPE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Fort Collins Utilities water customers can receive a rebate for installing a qualifying xeriscape landscape. A streamlined process, free education workshops and online resources will help you create a beautiful, waterwise, drought-tolerant landscape. Enroll today! Required classes are available January through May. Visit fcgov.com/xip.

Garden In a Box

Upgrade your landscape the easy way. Do-it-yourself kits from Resource Central, previously Center for ReSource Conservation, come with 15-30 starter plants, a comprehensive plant and care guide, and plant-by-number maps. Some boxes qualify for use in the Xeriscape Incentive Program.

Get on the pre-sale list today – sales begin in March. Visit fcgov.com/giab.

The first 125 qualified Utilities water customers will receive a \$25 discount.

ADULT* CLASS SCHEDULE, SPRING 2018

Register at fcgov.com/gardens

Restoring and Establishing Native Open Space

Sat., February 3 10 a.m.-Noon \$10 

A detailed “how to” for HOAs, companies or individuals, this class will dive into creating natural areas with restored natural vegetation. Learn about environmental and economic benefits, plant selection, specific management strategies and wildlife/plant inter-relationships.

Planting for Pollinators

Sat., February 24 1-3 p.m. \$10 

Learn how to transform your yard into a pollinator’s paradise. We will cover basic Fort Collins pollinator identification, the best plant varieties to support each species and how to incorporate these plants and nesting structures into your existing garden design.

Waterwise Landscape Basics

Sat., March 3 1-3 p.m. \$10 

Interested in conserving water in your yard, but don’t know where to start? Learn how to create an attractive waterwise landscape with the Seven Principles of Xeriscape, and learn tips and tricks for landscape water efficiency.

High Plains Landscape Workshop

Sat., March 10 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$65-\$85

High Plains Landscape Workshop is a one-day event symposium for homeowners and professionals designed to promote high quality, sustainable landscapes that reflect a sense of place in Colorado’s northern Front Range. Topics for 2018 revolve around Planting with a Purpose. This event is a fundraiser for the Gardens on Spring Creek. Cost includes morning coffee, lunch, and workshop materials.

Colorado Native Plants

Sat., March 24 10 a.m.-Noon \$10 

Help native plants feel at home in your garden. These gracious guests ease the burden on the gardener! As you plan this year’s garden, we will generate a great plant list, discussing where to grow what amidst your current landscape.

 *Reduced fee – sponsored by Fort Collins Utilities.*

** 18 years and over recommended.*

Colorado Gardening Hacks: Lessons from a Decade of Colorado Gardening

Sat., March 24 1-3 p.m. \$10 

Join gardening expert Alison O’Connor to learn about insider tips, tricks and information to grow a successful home garden in Colorado. Plant advice, how to deal with wildlife and using weather to your advantage will be discussed.

Just Drip It!

Sat., April 7 10 a.m.-Noon \$10 

This hands-on class covers the basics of drip irrigation. Learn the components’ functions and how they fit together to create a simple watering system for your patio, vegetable garden or flower beds. This class will teach you how to design and install or troubleshoot your own system.

Uncommon and Underused Perennials

Sat., April 14 10 a.m.-Noon \$10 

Learn uncommon, yet easy-to-grow, drought-tolerant plants including many that will be available at our Spring Plant Sale. We will discuss pollinator-loving varieties, multi-season interest, long blooms and cultivars that your neighbors will envy. Leave with a great plant list for your garden!

New Technologies in Irrigation

Sat., April 21 10 a.m.-Noon \$10 

Get your sprinkler tuned up for spring by learning about new technologies in irrigation. Learn all about smart controllers, sensors, pressure reduction techniques, high efficiency nozzles and spray-zone-to-drip conversions. Get ready to get your hands on these components!

Rain Barrels 101

Sat., April 21 1-3 p.m. \$10 

In our water scarce climate, rain barrels are a gift to every gardener. Learn to set up, install, maintain and integrate your own rain catching system into your garden. This intro class will be hands-on and tons of fun! Rain barrels will be available for purchase and pre-order for \$75.