

Water-Wise Garden Guide

Sowing the seeds for a drought-tolerant garden.

October 1, 2010 – Drought-tolerant, California-Friendly gardens are a beautiful way to save water. Fall is the perfect time to start one and it is easier than you may think.

Step 1: Select a location.

If you have an established garden, you can replace old or dead plants with drought-tolerant options. Group plants with the same watering needs together to avoid overwatering some while under-watering others.



Step 2: Select the right plants.

Take your garden's soil type and sun exposure and the plants' size, water and maintenance needs into account when choosing which plants to purchase. Visit www.MNWD.com to learn about a wide variety of colorful options for all types of environments.

Step 3: Cultivate your garden. Drought-tolerant plants require regular watering at first to establish roots and promote growth. Winter rains will do most of this work for you. Once the plants are established, allow the soil to dry a few inches below the surface between waterings. Check the specific water needs of your plants as some will vary. Then sit back and enjoy.