

# Resources



## Creating waterwise landscapes—“How-to”

### **Drought Tolerant Landscaping for Washington State**

[https://www.whidbeycd.org/uploads/1/1/6/8/11683986/drought\\_tolerant\\_landscaping\\_wsu\\_extension-min.pdf](https://www.whidbeycd.org/uploads/1/1/6/8/11683986/drought_tolerant_landscaping_wsu_extension-min.pdf)

### **Waterwise gardening in Central Oregon**

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9136.pdf>

### **In-depth Waterwise Landscaping—This is great—sample plans and suggestions**

<http://region8water.colostate.edu/PDFs/waterwis.pdf>

### **Good, short overall view of planning a waterwise landscape**

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9125.pdf>

**Incorporate “Firewise” guidelines:** <https://www.bartlett.com/resources/fire-safe-landscaping.pdf>

### **Watershed approach to landscape design**

<https://www.bendoregon.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/49465/637535588463330000>

### **Rain Garden Handbook for Washington**

<https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/file/376/download?token=E7k-EFWa>

# Plant choices



- Broadleaf Trees
- Evergreen Trees
- Shrubs
- Bulbs
- Perennials
- Ground Covers
- Ornamental Grasses

✓ Plants they mostly get by on annual rainfall (once established) will be adapted to local conditions and won't require as much water or work to keep them happy.

- Native plants placed in similar native habitat area
- Plants from a "summer dry" climate
- Place plants close together, so the leaves will help to protect the soil and keep weeds down.
- Low growing varieties are best--they lose less moisture to transpiration--and are more "firewise."

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## Landscape Design Basics

**Planning the Home Landscape** <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/homelandscape/home.html>

**Basic landscaping templates for water-efficient gardening**

[https://www.slideshare.net/zavesond/waterwise-design-templates?next\\_slideshow=1](https://www.slideshare.net/zavesond/waterwise-design-templates?next_slideshow=1)

**Landscape plants for garden spaces** <https://green2.kingcounty.gov/gonative/Plan.aspx>

**Great examples/Inspiration**

<https://www.slideshare.net/zavesond/waterwise-garden-styles-pp-tminimizer-1863261>

**Eye-candy—waterwise landscaping is BEAUTIFUL!**

[https://extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/2018-07/city\\_of\\_newberg\\_water-wise\\_garden.pdf](https://extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/2018-07/city_of_newberg_water-wise_garden.pdf)

**Gorgeous collection of examples on Pinterest**

<https://www.pinterest.com/OctoGreen/water-wise-landscaping/>**Soil and Mulch**

**Soil Testing** <http://www.simplysoiltesting.com/>

**[FREE Arborist Woodchips](#)**

**Improving Garden Soil with Organic**

**Matter--**<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/ec1561.pdf>

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**Growing Healthy Soil**

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7257/Growing-Healthy-Soil?bidId=>

## Watering

**Watering Home Gardens and Landscape Plants**

<http://pubs.cahnrs.wsu.edu/publications/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/publications/eb1090.pdf>

**Drip Irrigation for the Home and Garden**

<http://pubs.cahnrs.wsu.edu/publications/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/publications/fs030e.pdf>

**Conserving Water in your Yard and Garden** (good instructions on tree watering)

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9125.pdf>

**Watering priorities in the landscape—Inspiration and guidelines**

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/cm9133.pdf>

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## Lawns

[How to get rid of your lawn!](#)

[Lawn Care Cheat Sheet](#)

**Eco/Alternative lawn options** <https://ptlawnseed.com/collections/eco-and-alternative-lawns>

- [Frequently asked questions about Eco-lawns](#)
- [More tips](#)
- [Detailed directions for preparing and planting an eco-lawn](#)

**Water-Wise Groundcovers as Living Mulch to Hide a Dead Lawn**

<https://www.sunset.com/garden/garden-basics/drought-tolerant-groundcovers-front-yard-landscaping#sedum-rupestre-plant>

**Waterwise Lawn Alternatives**

[http://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Lawn\\_Replacement/Water-Wise\\_Lawn\\_Alternatives/](http://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Lawn_Replacement/Water-Wise_Lawn_Alternatives/)

# Resources- Groundcovers



- [Kinnikinnik](#)
- [Angelina Stonecrop](#)
- [Coastal Strawberry](#) (*Fragraria chiloensis*)
- [Cotoneaster dammeri](#) (pronounced "koe TOE nee ass ter")

You can search according to the site you want to plant, sun/drought tolerant, etc. <http://www.pnwplants.wsu.edu/Search.aspx>

This is Portland Nursery's excellent guide to other groundcovers.  
<https://portlandnursery.com/docs/groundcovers/GroundCovers.pdf>

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**EXCELLENT! Comprehensive list of [water efficient plants](#)**

[Introduction](#)

[Evergreen Trees](#)

[Perennials](#)

[7 Basic Steps](#)

[Shrubs](#)

[Ground Covers](#)

[Broadleaf Trees](#)

[Bulbs](#)

[Ornamental Grasses](#)

**USDA Plant Hardiness map search** <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/InteractiveMap.aspx>

**Great Plant Picks** (choose “Plants for a Better Planet” from the column on the left)

<https://www.greatplantpicks.org/searchnav>

**Great listing of firewise AND waterwise plant choices** for the PNW -- firewise plants that are tagged for low water needs—<https://www.firefree.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Fire-Resistant-Plants.pdf>

**Native plant choices—browse by category and photo**

<https://green2.kingcounty.gov/gonative/Photo.aspx?Act=browse>

**Monrovia plant search for low water plants**

[https://www.monrovia.com/shop.html?water\\_icons=5476&cold\\_hardiness\\_zones\\_filter=](https://www.monrovia.com/shop.html?water_icons=5476&cold_hardiness_zones_filter=)



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**Plants for Dry Shade** <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2073/2020/09/Planting-in-Dry-Shade.pdf>

**Drought-tolerant ground covers**

<https://www.sunset.com/garden/garden-basics/drought-tolerant-groundcovers-front-yard-landscaping#fescue-grass>

**Great list of plants, with good description.** Separate sections for plants with different needs: Wet Winter/Dry Summer, Drought Tolerant, Native, and Moisture-loving plants

<https://www.savingwater.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Plant-List.pdf>

## Books

***Sunset Western Garden Book of Landscaping: The Complete Guide to Beautiful Paths, Patios, Plantings, and More*** The Editors of Sunset

***The New Sunset Western Garden Book: The Ultimate Gardening Guide*** The Editors of Sunset

***Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates: Plants for a Lush, Water-Conscious Landscape*** Nora Harlow