



Xeriscape™



Drought-proof your yard

(and still be the envy of the neighborhood)!

At DeKalb County, we're working hard to make sure there's water for tomorrow. In the meantime, unpredictable weather means we can't count on the rain. But we can make our present water supplies last longer with conservation. Xeriscape™ is one way to make beautiful, drought-proof yards.



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(zera'-scape) Your best bet for a beautiful, environmentally-friendly, drought-proof yard. Xeriscape™ is easy, when you know how.

Follow these seven steps:

1. Plan and design your landscaping with water conservation in mind.
2. Create practical turf areas using drought-tolerant grass appropriate to your needs and the area. Your landscaping will be far more interesting with far less turf. It will also be more water efficient and easier to maintain.
3. Choose your plants carefully. They should be grouped according to sunlight and water needs. Use drought-tolerant plants that require less water. Many plants that are drought-tolerant also attract fewer pests. That means less pesticide for you and the environment.
4. Supplement your soil with compost or other amendments—the county extension service can help you know your soil and understand what works best.
5. Use mulch. It looks good, reduces weed growth, minimizes erosion and doesn't need to be watered.
6. Irrigate smart. Use the water you need — just design your landscape so that you need much less.
7. Pay attention! You've designed and built a beautiful landscape that is environmentally-friendly and drought-proof. Now all you have to do is maintain it. Water only when necessary, mow, weed and prune when you need to.

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Some plant selections for Georgia



Salvia leucantha
(Mexican Sage)



Helianthus angustifolius
(Swamp Sunflower)



Salvia guaranitica
(Anise Sage)



Artemisia 'Silver King'
(Silver King)



Stachys byzantina
(Lamb's ears)



Potentilla megalantha
(Cinquefoil)



Rudbeckia triloba
(Brown Eyed Susan)

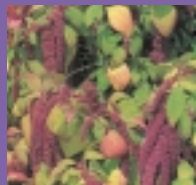


Kniphofia uvaria
(Red Hot Poker)

Perennials for sun



Catharanthus roseus
(Vinca)



Amaranthus caudatus
(Love Lies Bleeding)



Celosia cristata
(Cockscomb)



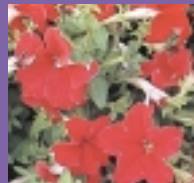
Tithonia rotundifolia
(Mexican Sunflower)



Portulaca hybrids
(Moss Rose)



Cosmos bipinnatus
(Cosmos)



Petunias
(especially old-time and
"Wave" petunias)



Verbena tenuisecta
(Moss Verbena)



Passiflora 'Byron's Beauty'
(Passiflora)



Zinnia elegans
(Zinnias)



Cosmos bipinnatus
(Sonata White)



Salvia farinacea hybrids
(Mealy Blue Sage)

Annuals



Helleborus hybrids
(Lenten Rose)



Monarda didyma
(Bee Balm)
wilts but comes back



Hosta hybrids



Iris barbata
(Bearded Iris)
Shade or Sun

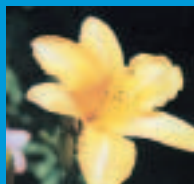


Sedum 'Autumn Joy'
(Autumn Joy)



Iris siberica
(Siberian Iris)
Shade or Sun

Perennials for shade



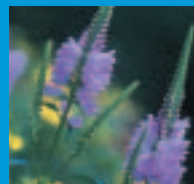
Lilium hybrids
(lilies)



Amsonia tabernaemontana
(Blue Stars)



Daucus carota
(Queen Ann's Lace)



Physostegia virginiana
(Obedient Plant)



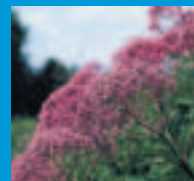
Lonicera sempervirens
(Coral Honeysuckle)



Achillea millefolium
(Yarrow)



Oenothera speciosa
(Pink Sundrops)



Eupatorium fistulosum
(Joe Pye Weed or Trumpetweed)



Belamcanda chinensis
(Blackberry Lily)



Asclepias tuberosa
(Butterfly weed)



Echinacea purpurea
(Purple Cone Flower)



Tradescantia virginiana
(Spiderwort)

Perennial Natives

Not shown: *Boltonia asteroides* (Snowbank White Boltonia), *Clematis paniculata* (Clematis), and asters (native species).



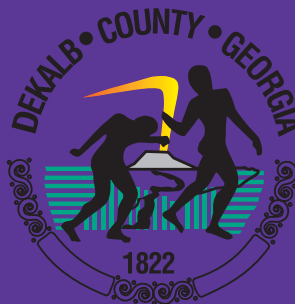
**Drought-tolerant
Ground Covers:**

Liriope
Asiatic jasmine
Carolina jasmine
Trumpet creeper
Day lilies
Creeping raspberry

Drought-tolerant Shrubs:

Dwarf yaupon holly
Indian hawthorn
Dwarf crepe myrtle
Glossy Abelia

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Add: For ideas on Xeriscape™ landscaping, visit
the garden at our Roadhaven Drive location.

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