Free Landscape Workshops for the Southwest Spring 2015

Register online at ScottsdaleAZ.gov/Water/Conservation or call 480-312-5690 to leave your name, address, phone number and the date(s) you would like to attend.

**Plant Care in the Desert**
Tuesday, March 3
*Mustang Library, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*
Horticulturist and Master Gardener Kirti Mathura will cover proper techniques for watering, fertilizing, pruning and other maintenance tips for your desert garden.

**Drip Irrigation Design & Installation**
Saturday, March 28
*Mustang Library, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*
Simple things you need to know! Irrigation Specialist Jeff Lee will show you how to design and install a drip system. Learn how to make your drip irrigation system efficient and easy to maintain.

**Learn to Prune**
Saturday, March 7
*Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*
Pruning promotes the beauty, strength and health of your trees and shrubs. Learn basic pruning cuts in a hands-on outdoor setting from ISA Certified Arborist John Eisenhower. This popular class fills quickly so register early!

**Water-wise Gardening**
Tuesday, March 31
*Mustang Library, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*
Saving water, even in desert conditions isn’t hard as long as you’re smart about it. Join Master Gardener Carol Stuttard to learn some of the simple, inexpensive and low-tech gardening strategies of water-wise gardening. Learn how to select, plant and care for vegetables, herbs, fruits and citrus for a bountiful harvest.

**Program Your Irrigation Controller**
Thursday, March 12
*Mustang Library, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*
Take control of your landscape watering with step-by-step instructions and hands-on practice adjusting the settings on your irrigation controller with Irrigation Specialist Bill Casenhiser.

**“Smart” Irrigation Controllers**
Saturday, March 14
*Mustang Library, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*
A new generation of irrigation controllers can automatically adjust your irrigation schedule based on your yard’s needs and changes in weather conditions. Learn how this technology can save up to 30 percent on your outdoor watering with Irrigation Specialist Jeff Lee.

**Landscaping for Wildlife**
Tuesday, March 24
*Mustang Library, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*
Turn your yard into a wildlife sanctuary! Horticulturist and Master Gardener Kirti Mathura will teach you how to create an inviting environment for birds, butterflies and other creatures using a wonderful array of native and desert adapted plants.

**Water Conservation Topics at the Mustang Library Gardening Expo**
Saturday, April 11
Register: [www.scottsdalelibrary.org/gardenexpo](http://www.scottsdalelibrary.org/gardenexpo)

**What’s Bugging You? - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
Learn to identify the good bugs from the bad as well as eco-friendly ways to control or encourage bugs using cultural, mechanical and biological methods. Master Gardener Cathy Rymer will talk about odd bug behavior and our sometimes-irrational responses to bugs. You can even bring samples for our expert to identify.

**Irrigation Maintenance, Troubleshooting & Repair - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
Get the basics on good maintenance practices, troubleshooting and techniques to keep your landscape irrigation system running smoothly from Irrigation Specialist Jeff Lee.

**Plant Selection for Desert Landscaping**
2:30 to 5 p.m.
Choosing plants that are just right for your yard is the key to landscaping in the desert. Horticulturist and Master Gardener Kirti Mathura will teach you basic design concepts and plant choices for your desert landscape.

**Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden Tour**
Friday, March 6 OR Saturday, April 25
10 a.m. to Noon
Go on a walking tour (approximately two miles) through Scottsdale’s five and a half acre Xeriscape Garden with Bill Casenhiser, the Garden’s caretaker.
- All attendees will be contacted by phone for rainy day cancellation
- Please meet in front of the restrooms between Softball Fields 1 & 2
- Remember to bring water, a hat and sunscreen

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**Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden**
SE corner of Hayden and McDonald
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

**Mustang Library**
10101 N 90th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85258
Water Conservation in Scottsdale

Check out our new Leak Guide – Find and Fix Leaks that are Draining Your Budget

According to the EPA, the average household loses more than 10,000 gallons of water each year through leaks. Some leaks are slow and hard to detect, yet even the smallest of leaks add up! This easy to use step-by-step guide will help you find leaks and provide tips for home water efficiency. View a digital version at ScottsdaleAZ.gov/Water/Conservation/Publications or call 480-312-5650 to request a copy.

Video Tutorials
Watch our videos to learn how to check for leaks both inside and outside your home at ScottsdaleAZ.gov/Water/Videos.

WaterSense Program
WaterSense products take the guesswork out of choosing water-efficient, high performing plumbing fixtures and irrigation controllers. So when it’s time to replace a toilet or showerhead, look for the WaterSense label. Visit epa.gov/WaterSense to learn more.

Rebate Programs
Scottsdale Water offers a variety of rebates to residents. To qualify for a rebate, you must be a current Scottsdale customer and receive a monthly bill from the city. Check the most current rebate application forms for requirements on our website ScottsdaleAZ.gov/Water/Conservation/Rebates or call 480-312-5650.

Indoor:
- Toilets
- Showerheads
- Hot Water Recirculation Systems

Outdoor:
- Turf Removal: Residential/Commercial Properties
- Landscape Irrigation Controllers
- Water Softeners

Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov/Water/Conservation for more information

- Free Publications
- Water Efficiency
- Residential Audits
- Desert-friendly Plants

Fix a Leak Week is March 16 through 22

Fix a Leak Week, sponsored by WaterSense, is an EPA program that helps you find high performance, water-efficient faucets, showerheads and other plumbing products to help reduce your water use. Visit FixALeakWeekAZ.com.

Save the Date! One for Water 4-Miler Race!
Chase down water leaks at the 5th Annual One for Water 4-Miler race Saturday, March 21, at Rio Vista Community Park in Peoria. It’s part of national Fix a Leak Week to help raise awareness for being water efficient in our homes, landscapes and businesses. Register for the race and learn more at FixALeakWeekAZ.com.

How to feel good about yourself every time you open your water bill.

Saving water, energy, and money is as easy as 1-2-3.
1. Check your toilet for leaks.
2. Twist on a faucet aerator.
3. Replace an old showerhead with one that’s WaterSense labeled.

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www.epa.gov/watersense