

XERISCAPING

ENVIRONMENTALLY AND FINANCIALLY BENEFICIAL LANDSCAPING



WHAT IS IT?

Xeriscaping is the practice of designing landscapes to reduce or eliminate the need for irrigation. This means xeriscaped landscapes need little or no water beyond what the natural climate provides. It is a practical alternative to traditional lawns and gardens that is mutually beneficial to the homeowner and yard.

COST EFFECTIVENESS

In the city of Billings, the cost of water has increased by 33% since 2014. Utilizing the principles of Xeriscaping can reduce utility costs by up to 50-75% per household. Efficient outdoor water use doesn't mean changing your entire lifestyle. It promotes a reduction in water waste while creating a functional and attractive landscape.



PLAN & DESIGN



Choosing Montana native vegetation saves time and money by eliminating or significantly reducing the need for fertilizers, pesticides, watering and lawn maintenance. You can save your landscape investment by drought-proofing it with native plants and grass substitutions i.e. dry creek beds, stepping stones, and decorative paths.

XERISCAPING IN BILLINGS

In August 2019, Americorps VISTA's volunteered their time to transform an overgrown parking lot garden into a water-wise landscape. Using affordable river rock, limestone gravel, and minimal foliage, they were able to create an environmentally friendly space to act as a pilot for larger Xeriscaping projects throughout the community.



BEFORE



AFTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

BILLINGS WATER PRICES: <https://ci.billings.mt.us/66/Public-Works>

PLAN & DESIGN: <https://wateruseitwisely.com>

<https://www.epa.gov/watersense/landscaping-tips>

