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## Xeriscaping to Reduce Excessive Water Usage

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Xeriscape is defined as a type of landscaping that conserves water and protects the environment . This concept is a first-of-a-kind, comprehensive approach to landscaping for water conservation. Traditional landscapes may incorporate one or two principles of water conservation, but they do not utilize the entire concept to reduce landscape water use effectively.

Xeriscape landscaping incorporates 7 basic principles which lead to saving water:

- Planning and Design
- Soil Analysis
- Appropriate Plant Selection
- Efficient Irrigation
- Use of Mulches
- Appropriate Maintenance

If you would like to learn more about using xeriscape landscaping in your home give me a call and I will help you with some ideas to lower your water usage and improve the efficiency of your landscape!

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Advice on growing, feeding and propagating plants, plus information on pests and diseases.

> Don't forget about the Horticulture Workshop on May 12th @ the Gilmer Memorial Library!! Contact me for further details!!!