

THE SARATOGA VIEW

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION FOR SARATOGA SPRINGS

SPRING CLEAN-UP DUMPSTERS

Dates: May 13 – May 22

The City has consolidated the dumpster location for spring cleanup again this year. The location is at the City's Public Works site located on Saratoga Road at 900 East. This will be the only dumpster location in the City.

We are only offering one location to ensure that dumpsters are available for use. Previously, the dumpsters located throughout the City would fill quickly and not be available for use. Having multiple dumpsters at one location will ensure that each dumpster is hauled away and a new one is delivered as soon as possible for residents' use.

Just a reminder, this service is provided only for bagged household and/or green waste items. Furniture, electronics, oil/fuel, kitchen appliances, tires, rocks and concrete are not to be placed in these dumpsters.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Public Works Department at (801) 766-6506.



SECONDARY WATER TURN-ON DATES

The City of Saratoga Springs will begin charging the secondary water system starting April 18. Please notify the City of any leaks in or around your meter. The City encourages you to turn your individual secondary water valve to the off position. This will protect your irrigation system and allow you to test for water leaks when you are ready as leaks might have developed over the winter.

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THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
IS LOOKING FOR
ENTRIES FOR OUR 2017
SARATOGA SPLASH DAY'S PARADE
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE
THROUGH THE CITY WEBSITE
WWW.SARATOGASPRINGS CITY.COM



BANDS, PERFORMING GROUPS,
SCHOOL GROUPS, CHURCH GROUPS,
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CONTACT DARCEY WILLIAMS AT
DWILLIAMS@SARATOGASPRINGS CITY.COM
OR 801-822-1159 WITH QUESTIONS

2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The 2017 Municipal Election for the City of Saratoga Springs, Utah, will be held on November 7, 2017 to elect the following offices to serve a four year term, January 2018 to January 2022:

- Mayor
- City Council Member (two positions)

The qualifications to be a candidate are: 1) must be a United States citizen at time of filing, 2) must be at least 18 years old at the time of the next municipal election, 3) must be a registered voter of the municipality, 4) must be a resident of the municipality for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election, 5) in accordance with Utah Constitution Article IV, Section 6, any mentally incompetent person, any person convicted of a felony, or any person convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.

Citizens desiring to run for office must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" in person with the Saratoga Springs City Recorder. The forms will be available in the office of the City Recorder beginning June 1, 2017. The filing period will run June 1, 2017 through June 7, 2017, during City office business week days and hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information contact the City Recorder's office at 1307 N. Commerce Drive, Suite 200, (801) 766-9793 ext. 103.

NEW STORM DRAIN RATE

The City recently changed the storm drain utility fee from \$4.45 per month to \$6. The rate was determined after extensive analysis completed by an outside firm. The change is needed to keep up with the demands of operating and maintaining the City's storm drain infrastructure and ensuring the City's compliance with clean water regulations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each home in the City has been given a certain allotment of secondary water. If you stay within this allotment you will not be charged the higher rate. You can find the allotment on your billing each month.

Saratoga Springs Arts Council Youth Summer Theatre

May 31 to July 28
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Ages 8-14

Performances will be July 28 and July 29.
Cost: \$80

Includes 19 sessions of drama, music and dance instruction, two performances and a drawstring backpack.

Spaces are limited. Register online at www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents.

Help Keep Storm Water Clean Pet Waste

Pet waste which can be washed by rainfall into storm drains is hazardous to people, animals and the environment. Many people believe that storm water gets "cleaned" but it does not. Storm water receives no treatment, rather it flows directly into our rivers and lakes. When left in public areas or your yard, pet waste is carried by rainwater into storm drains causing significant water pollution. In addition to polluting, improperly disposed of pet waste can transmit disease to pets, children and adults who garden. Pick up after your pets - it's the neighborly thing to do, and the right thing to do for your pets, for other people and for the environment.

Urban Fishing

The Urban Fishing program needs volunteers to help with instruction and open fishing time. If you would like to volunteer for this program please contact the recreation department at (801) 766-9793 ext. 211.

Recreation Summer Camps

Registration for the Saratoga Springs Recreation Summer Camps are now open. Camps include: Golf Lessons, Tennis Lessons, Tennis League, Westlake Boys and Girls Basketball Camps, Westlake Volleyball Camp, Westlake Softball Clinic, Elite Soccer Camp and Dance Camp.

Visit www.saratogaspringscity.com/recreation for more details about each program and to register.

Youth Baseball

Registration: March 6 - April 24

Season: Season begins May 30. Games will be played on weeknights and Saturdays. T-Ball and Coach Pitch practices will be determined by the coach as to when and where. Machine Pitch practices will be determined by the coach but will be within specified times the City can supply the pitching machines.

Cost: T-Ball and Coach Pitch \$45, Machine Pitch \$55. Includes team shirt and hat, eight-game season, and participation award.

Ages: T-ball is for pre-K and kindergarten ages 4 years old to kindergarten, must be 4 by the first game. Coach Pitch is for 1st graders, and Machine Pitch is for 2nd and 3rd graders. School year 2016-17.

Volunteer coaches needed! When registering your child please indicate that you would like to coach your child's team. For questions, contact the Saratoga Springs Recreation Department at (801) 766-9793 ext. 211 or 167.



Track and Field

Registration: February 6 - April 3

Season: Season begins April 17. Practices will be twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Three (3) track meets against other Central Utah recreation track programs. Some travel required to attend meets.

Cost: \$65; includes team shirt, at least 10 practices, and at least three track meets.

Ages: 7 years to 14 years old. Age groups follow the United States Track and Field Association (USTFA) age groups:

Age Division	Year of Birth
7-8	2009-2010
9-10	2007-2008
11-12	2005-2006
13-14	2003-2004

Mandatory Parent Meeting: April 10 at 6 p.m. in the City offices.

Coaches Needed: The City is hiring track and field coaches at \$10 per hour. Must be 16 or older to apply. Practices will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Track meets will be held at various times throughout the season.

Utah County Senior Services

HELP WANTED: Utah County Senior Services is looking for seniors (55+) who would like to serve other seniors in their community. Volunteers will receive a small stipend, reimbursement for mileage and paid training once a month. Volunteers must be income eligible, be willing to serve 15+ hours per week and have the desire to help others. If you have questions or would like us to mail you an application, call Senior Services at (801) 851-7767 or find the Senior Companion Program online at www.utahcountyhealth.org/seniorcompanion.

Splash Days Sports Tournaments

To register visit www.saratogaspringscity.com/recreation.

Men's 3v3 Basketball Tournament

Registration: April 3 - June 5
Tournament: June 10 at Neptune Park
Cost: \$100 per team
Ages: 16 and up

Coed 6v6 Grass Volleyball Tournament

Registration: April 3 - June 5
Tournament: June 10 at Neptune Park
Cost: \$100 per team
Ages: 16 and up

Saratoga Springs Community Orchestra

The Saratoga Springs Community Orchestra is always looking for new members to join! Practices are held the first and third Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the City offices. For more information email orchestra@saratogaspringscity.com.



Children's Car Seat Checks

The Police Department now has a certified car seat technician on staff that can check your children's car seats for FREE. Call (801) 420-6326 to schedule a car seat check with Melissa Hamer.

Most car seat checks take about 30 minutes per car seat. Appointments will be generally offered in the afternoon and evening.

2017 SPIRIT OF SARATOGA AWARD

Each year during the Miss Saratoga Springs Pageant the City recognizes a member of the community who has gone above and beyond to serve our community. Candace Johnson, a volunteer victim advocate with the Saratoga Springs Police Department Victim Services Program is the 2017 Spirit of Saratoga Springs Award recipient.

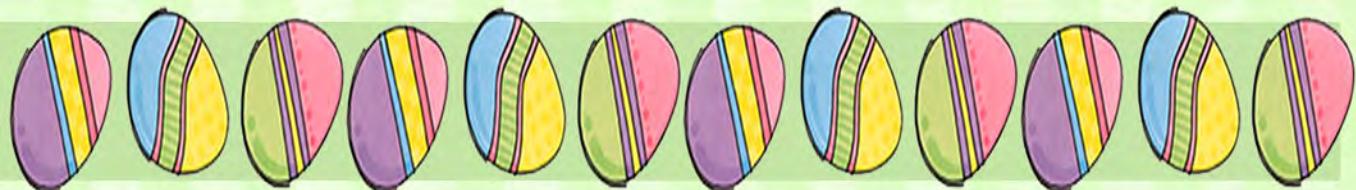
Candace generously volunteers her time and efforts to greatly enhance our victim services program. Candace has completed local, state and national training in victim advocacy and is eager to continue learning best practices in serving victims of crime. She regularly is on call on our crisis phone line and does an outstanding job providing direct advocacy support to victims of crime. She has given many presentations to the youth in our community on dating violence and what healthy relationships look like. Candace writes articles for local news outlets on the subjects of dating violence and child abuse. These articles ensure that our neighbors and friends who are victims of violence know that they are not alone and there is help available to them. Candace also is our designated Child Advocate and we rely on her increasing skills and knowledge in responding to child victims as our victim services program continues to grow. Candace's cheerful positive attitude is an asset to our volunteer advocate team.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Saratoga Springs has several openings for full-time and part-time positions. Applications and job announcements are available online at www.saratogaspringscity.com under the "Employment" page.

Full-time positions:
Storm Water Coordinator
Police Officer I, II or III

Part-time positions:
Recreation Site Supervisors
Public Works Seasonal - Parks, Streets, Water Crossing Guards



CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

Spring Festival

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH
AT NEPTUNE PARK

The Westlake Thunder Marching Band
will be serving breakfast from 8-10am!
Adults \$5.00- Kids 12 & UNDER \$2.50



EASTER EGG HUNT
FOR KIDS 0-12 YEARS OLD!
BEGINS AT 9:00AM SHARP
AND INCLUDES AN AREA
FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

COME AND SEE
THE EASTER BUNNY!



SARATOGA SPRINGS

FACE PAINTING
AND
BALLOON ANIMALS

CAN YOU HELP?

- * Do you have 2 hours to spare once every three months?
- * Do you have an interest and experience in any of the areas listed below?
- * Are you already registered with the Boy Scouts and have done Youth Protection Training, or are willing to do so?
(We'll even get you the registration papers to fill out, and will happily turn them in for you.)

Then we'd love to talk with you!!

We love to offer merit badge classes as a community service! But, as all classes are taught by volunteers, we depend on people in our community to help. To maintain our merit badge program schedule, we need at least 12 people willing to take two hours once every three months. We currently only have 2 active volunteers—and they aren't available for a few months. **If no community volunteers step forward, we won't be able to offer any classes until this fall.** You can help us avoid this scenario!

Common myths and concerns about being a merit badge counselor:

"I'd love to help, but don't you have to be an expert in that subject to teach? I don't think I'm qualified."

~ I felt that way too! Then I looked at the requirements for the different merit badges and realized I knew enough to tell someone else about it. And that's all it takes! Are you an avid golfer? You're qualified to lead someone through the golf badge. Are you a salesman? You're qualified to show someone the basics of salesmanship.

Find the list of current merit badges at meritbadge.org or scouting.org and read through the requirements of subjects you're interested in... you might be surprised!

"I'd love to help, but I'm just so busy..." ~ I hear ya. We're all so busy! Isn't being involved in the community and our families great? The really great thing is, this doesn't have to be a great big time commitment: just one class every three months—plus, classes are scheduled at your convenience, and only need to take an hour or two.

"I'd love to help, but I get nervous at the idea of teaching." ~ That's understandable! The good thing is, Scouts aren't that intimidating. (Shhh, don't tell them we said that.) We generally limit class sizes to 15 or so, and as a group, boys between the ages 11-18 are often more silly than scary. Also, a member of the library staff is always nearby to help with anything you'd need.

Do we have you convinced? Great!

We could use counselors for all merit badges, but we don't have anyone for the following subjects: animal science; archaeology; art; basketry; bird study; crime prevention; dentistry; dog care; energy; entrepreneurship; fish & wildlife management; fishing; fly fishing; golf; Indian lore; journalism; law; leatherwork; medicine; mining in society; moviemaking/cinematography; pets; programming; pulp & paper; radio; railroading; reptile & amphibian study; salesmanship; sculpture; theater; veterinary medicine; and wood carving.

If you are interested, please contact Taffi at tpugh@saratogaspringscity.com

Thank you! Our local Scouts are so excited to earn more merit badges,
but we can't do it without you!



**Saratoga
Springs Public
Library**

Landscaping. . . What the City requires and what it means to me as a homeowner.

Why does the City require landscaping?

Landscaping is not only aesthetically pleasing, but it reduces dust, heat, weeds, and improves property values.

What is landscaping?

Does your idea of landscaping look like this?

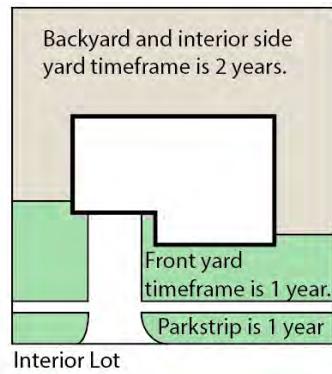
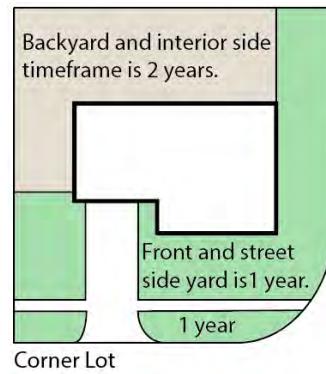


Yes, this is landscaping, but the **City does not require this much vegetation!** Landscaping can include plant materials such as trees, shrubs, grass, perennials, and vines, but also can include nonliving materials such as mulch, bark, decorative rock, ponds, fountains, statues, benches, pots, and earth berms. Here are some examples with less vegetation:



The City requires. . .

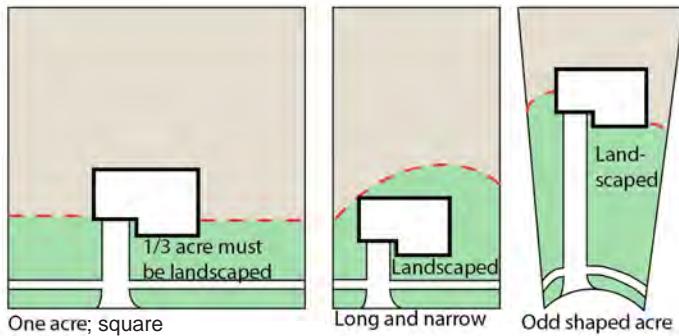
Residential lots that are **one-third acre or smaller** (excluding those in the A and RA-5 zones) must landscape the front and street side yard within one year of moving in. The interior side and back yard must be landscaped, or a six foot tall privacy fence that extends to the ground must be installed along with protective ground cover, within two years from the day you move in. Protective ground cover includes grass, living plants, rock and other nonliving material used to stabilize soils and minimize runoff.



[Not sure what zone you are in? Not sure if your fence will meet the requirement? Call the Planning department at 801-766-9793 to find out.]

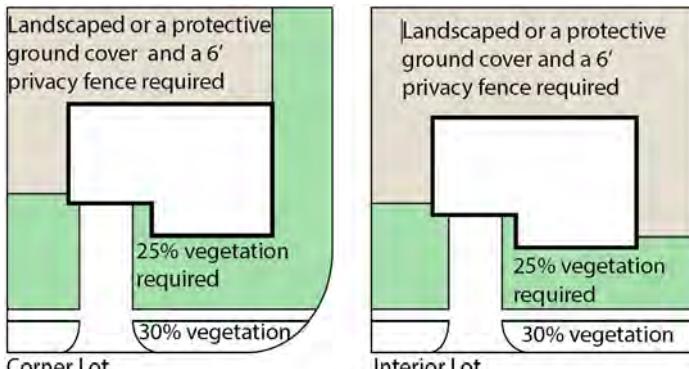
The graphic above outlines the timeframe for installation for each yard area. The timeframe begins the day you move into your home.

Residential lots over one-third acre in size must landscape at least one-third acre within the same time frame as stated earlier. The one-third landscaped acre must include the entire front yard; that also means that the building footprint, driveway, and parking areas all count towards meeting the requirement. The remainder of the lot may remain in a native state, but must comply with nuisance and fire requirements. This means that weeds may not exceed 6" in height and cannot create a fire hazard to any structure, or create a habitat for insects or vermin.



General requirements for residential lots no matter of size.

- At least 25% of your front yard and corner street side yard needs to be covered with live vegetation such as planter beds, shrubs and grasses. This includes tree canopies.



See below for clarification on backyard landscaping requirements.

- Artificial turf is not allowed in the front yard, but it can go in your backyard if you choose.
- It is best not to plant trees directly under or in close proximity to power lines, poles, or utility structures.
- You may have limited areas of bare dirt in a garden, under a trellis, or under a tree.
- The back yard needs to be landscaped unless there is a 6' privacy fence and some kind of protective ground cover to reduce dust, erosion, and the spread of weeds.

Park strips

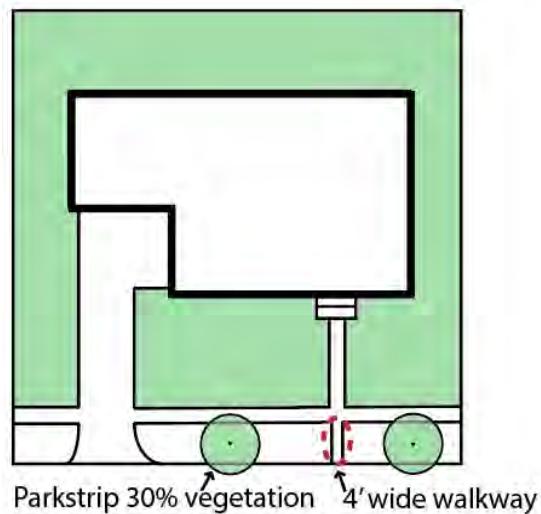
Park strips must be landscaped at the same time as the front yard. Park strips may contain the following items.

- Live vegetation (trees, shrubs, etc.)
- Landscape rock
- Cobble
- Removable pavers

Even though landscape rock, cobble, and removable pavers are allowed, 30% percent of each park strip shall contain plantings.

The following items are **not** allowed in park strips.

- Weeds and dead vegetation
- Fruit trees
- Fruit and vegetable gardens
- Gravel
- Asphalt
- Concrete
- Large boulders



Four foot wide concrete walkways are allowed in the park strip if they line up with the main walkway to the front door.

Please keep in mind that these are the minimum City requirements. Your HOA may require more landscaping. If you believe your HOA requirements are too much, please work with your HOA.

What does this all mean for me as a homeowner? Yes, the City has rules concerning installation timeframes, and how much vegetation is required. However, for the most part, it is entirely up to the homeowner to decide what type of landscaping to put in.

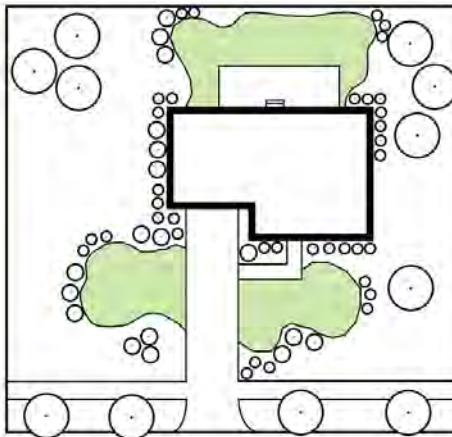
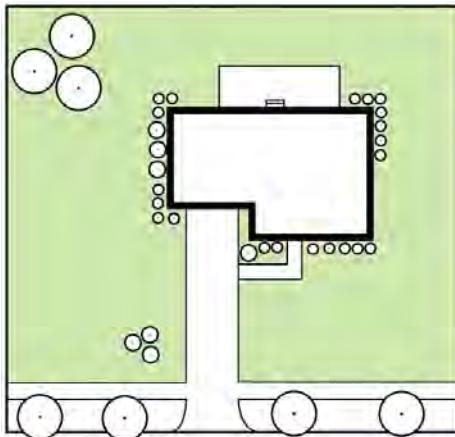
FAQ

I want to be water-wise, but I enjoy lawn. . .

Most of us enjoy a nice green lawn where we can play games, have a picnic, or just relax under the shade of a large tree. The main problem with lawn is the amount of water it requires to keep it green.

Kentucky Bluegrass. . .

Kentucky Bluegrass is a popular lawn in Utah. It thrives in cooler temperatures; thus, it requires a lot of water to keep it green in the summer. If it is used, it is recommended that the lawn area be reduced and replaced by more water-wise plants as shown below.



The graphic above shows how lawn area may be reduced in favor of more drought tolerant plants.

Lawn tips. . .

- Water brown spots in your lawn with a hose instead of increasing the irrigation time.
- Avoid watering your lawn on windy days.
- Change your lawn mower to a 3-inch clipping height.
- Apply as little fertilizer to your lawn as possible. Applying excess fertilizer increases water consumption and actually creates more mowing for you!
- Use iron-based fertilizers to simply “green up” your lawn.

For more tips on lawn care and water conservation please visit conservewater.utah.gov.

Alternatives. . .

For those that love their lawns, but want to save water there are alternative grasses such as Cody Buffalograss, which provides a nice, short lawn, and uses half the water of Kentucky Bluegrass. For lawn ideas please visit conservationgardenpark.org.

FAQ

I want to decrease my water usage, but I am not sure where to begin.

There are many great resources out there if you want to start creating a water-wise yard.

For tips, advice, and classes please visit the websites listed below.

- For tips and advice please visit conservewater.utah.gov/tips.
- Want more than just tips? Conservation Garden Park offer classes including landscape design, creating waterwise parkstrips, and yard maintenance.
- For more information on these classes please visit conservationgardenpark.org/events.

Did you know that there are local nurseries near Saratoga Springs that place a yellow tag or label on their water-wise plants for easy identification? The list of participating nurseries and gardens that provide this service is available at waterwiseplants.utah.gov. The site also contains lists of water-wise shrubs, trees, perennials, groundcovers, and more.

Want to see what other homeowners have done in their yards? Please visit waterwiseplants.utah.gov and click on “water-wise landscaping” to see examples.

Looking for conservation tips? Wondering how much to water each week? Looking for rebates? Conservewater.utah.gov is an amazing source for homes owners and general members of the public.

More Information

More Information:

According to the Division of Water Resources, “Utah is the second driest state in the Country. Utah uses the most water per capita in the US, but we receive the second lowest annual rainfall.” ([Conservewater.utah.gov](http://conservewater.utah.gov)).

Heat is a contributing factor to Utah’s water issues. Cities have a lot of hard impermeable surfaces such as concrete and asphalt. When all of these hard surfaces are clustered in an area the temperature becomes warmer than the surrounding areas. This is referred to as the Heat Island effect.

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, “Heat islands can affect communities by increasing summertime peak energy demand, air conditioning costs, air pollution and greenhouse gas emission, heat-related illness and mortality, and water quality.” (epa.gov/heat-islands)

Landscaping is a great tool to combat the heat island effect.

Water Wise Landscaping

A water-wise plant is one that requires regular watering until established, but then requires less water than traditional plants. Some familiar examples include Rocky Mountain Juniper, Bigtooth Maple, Buffalograss, and Lamb’s Ear. For a full list please visit www.waterwiseplants.utah.gov/

Water-wise landscaping has the ability to decrease both water usage and the effects of our manmade surroundings. For those that love their lawn, a water-wise approach does not require you to get rid of your lawn, but to minimize lawn area in favor of water-wise plants.

What about Xeriscaping...

Many people believe that Xeriscaping is a collection of rocks without vegetation; however, that is actually “zero-scaping.” The whole idea behind Xeriscaping is to create a landscape - full of color, various scents, and a variety of plants - that requires very little water through the use of drought-tolerant plants, plant clustering and efficient irrigation.

Want to learn more? There are some great resources out there including the following link.

<http://slco.org/millionTrees/html/rightTree/XeriscapeDesign.html>

