Your Guide to Xeriscape Conversion

conserve today • preserve tomorrow
XERISCAPE

Originating from the Greek word 'Xeros' meaning dry

noun (n) -
a style of landscape design requiring little or no irrigation or other maintenance, used in arid regions

verb (v) -
landscape (an area) in a style which requires little or no irrigation.
WHY SHOULD I XERISCAPE AND HOW WILL IT HELP?
It will save you water • time • money
COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT A XERISCAPED LANDSCAPE
IT CAN BE COLORFUL

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF PLANTS THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM ON OUR PROVIDED PLANT LIST. THERE ARE MANY COLORS, SHAPES AND SIZES, IN ORDER TO HELP YOU CREATE A BEAUTIFUL SPACE.
When you choose plants that are compatible with our natural environment, nature will take care of the plants for you.
ROCK ISN’T YOUR ONLY OPTION

WHEN CHOOSING A GROUND COVER, IT DOESN’T HAVE TO BE EXCLUSIVELY ROCK. THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPTIONS!

• Bark • Turf • Mulch • Sand •
Let’s break those steps down because we know it can seem overwhelming. Rest assured, the process is actually quite easy.
IN RIO RANCHO WE FEEL XERISCAPE IS AN ESSENTIAL WAY TO SAVE WATER

5005-896-8715

1. Call and set pre-inspection to see if you qualify
2. Remove Grass
3. Select plants & design your yard from our plant list
4. Post-inspection by a water conservation specialist
5. Rebate credited to your water/utility bill

(you have 90 days from initial inspection to complete your yard)
Once you remove your grass, unused sprinklers must be capped or converted to a drip system for new qualifying plants. No spray irrigation is permitted in the rebate area.
Step Three:
In this step it’s extremely important to plan!

Use the provided plant list to complete the form. It is important to make sure that the total coverage calculated on the form is equal to half the square footage of turf grass being replaced.

Select Plants and Design Yard
For example, if a customer is replacing 250 ft.² of grass, the total coverage calculated on the form must be roughly equivalent to 125 ft.² or more.

The current plants that you have, can go toward the plant list needed to qualify. As long as those existing plants are on our plant list.
Complete your project and call to schedule your final inspection. Once your conversion is complete call 505-896-8715 and schedule a time for an inspector to review the completed work.

You have three months to convert your landscape once you have been approved. If needed, an extension can be requested by contacting the Water Conservation Office.
Step Five:
Rebate credited to your water/utility bill

Your rebate should appear as a credit on your water bill within 90 days. The amount of the rebate will be one dollar per per square foot of landscape converted.
CALL 505-896-8715 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS
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