

Save Water in Your Landscape


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I've extolled the virtues of the National Arbor Day Foundation before, and they do great things for the environment through their programs that promote and establish trees in various locales throughout the U.S. and the World. In my view, anyone who is interested in planting and caring for trees should be a member and/or otherwise support the Foundation. Check it out at arborday.org.

A member of the Foundation receives various benefits and opportunities to gain knowledge about tree planting and care including Tree City USA Bulletins. An example of the information contained in these bulletins is excerpted below. This is a good example of the types of tips that are contained in the bulletins; plus, there are other tips, guidance, recommendations, etc. presented in more detail (in some cases) that you can use to help manage your landscape and/or individual trees.

TREE BASICS

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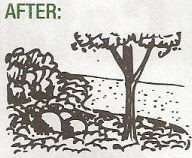

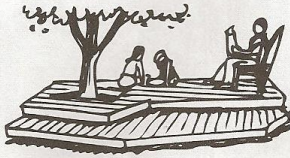


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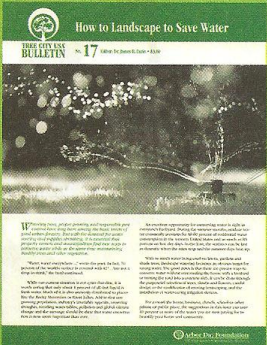
SUMMERS SEEM TO BE GETTING HOTTER and drier in many parts of our country and, although rain and water cycles fluctuate, we have all the water on our planet that we will ever get. It is essential we conserve what we have, and this winter is a good time to plan changes in your landscape that might help.

Here are three general ways to save water in your yard or business property:

SPACE DESIGN Convert lawn to mulched areas, decks, patios, or other uses as long as surfaces continue to allow water to permeate into the soil.	VEGETATION SELECTION Select trees, shrubs, ground covers, and flowering plants that are drought-resistant.	MAINTENANCE METHODS Use mulch, work your soil to keep it absorptive and aerated, and consider using drip or other water-saving irrigation.
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Mulch beds, decks, and patios with surfaces that allow water penetration are just some of the ways to reduce watering needs.



How to Landscape to Save Water

Tree City USA Bulletin No. 17 contains additional ideas and more details to help you plan to reduce water use next summer while at the same time maintaining trees in your landscape.

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