



## XERIC GARDENS CONSERVE WATER

Colorado residents are encouraged to use xeric or Waterwise gardens to promote water conservation. Xeriscaping is landscaping that limits the need for watering in arid climates. Savings from 30% to 80% can be attained with the use of xeriscaping.

Use the seven principles of xeriscaping (as listed below) to create a beautiful landscape that will help conserve water and reduce your water bill.

- 1. Planning and Design:** Be creative and design your own or consult with a professional landscaper.
- 2. Limitation of Turf:** Locate turf in the most functional area of your yard. Keep xeriscaping separate from planting of trees, shrubs, or flowers.
- 3. Use of Water Efficient Plants:** Choose plants, shrubs and cacti that use little water. Examples are listed on the next page.
- 4. Efficient Irrigation:** Be sure to irrigate turf areas separately from other cultivation in the yard. Regular adjustments can save water and money.
- 5. Soil Amendments:** Soil improvements allow for better absorption of water and improved water-holding capacity.
- 6. Use of Mulches:** Mulches cover and cool soil, minimize evaporation, reduce weed growth, and slow erosion.
- 7. Appropriate Landscape Maintenance:** Regular maintenance preserves the beauty of your landscape and saves water. Regular pruning, weeding, fertilization, pest control, and irrigation system adjustments increase water savings and reduce expenses.

### NWLSD Monthly Trivia

**Question:** How many miles of sewer pipe is the District responsible for monitoring and maintaining?

Answer:

- A. Less than 25    B. 26-50    C. 51-75    D. More than 75

(Answer on the back of the bottom page of this newsletter)

## 2023 Elections Results

As of the close of business on February 28, 2023, there were not more candidates for Director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates. Pursuant to Section 1-13.5-513(1), C.R.S., the Designated Election Official hereby cancels the regular election to be conducted on May 2, 2023.

THE ELECTION WAS CANCELLED AND THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES WERE DECLARED ELECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

- Gregory Fabisiak - *Four Year Term Ending May 2027*
- Catherine C. Kesler - *Four Year Term Ending May 2027*

The next election is scheduled for May of 2025.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Plumbing throughout the home and the sewer line extending from the property to the District's main line, including the actual tap connection is owned and maintained by the property owner. This means you may be responsible for back-up and damage. The District urges customers to obtain insurance coverage for sewer backups. Check your policy or call your agent to be sure you are covered should a mishap occur. Not all policies will cover costs incurred with sewer backing up in their home.

**TO FLUSH OR NOT TO FLUSH**

There should be **NO** question!

**DO NOT FLUSH THESE ITEMS**

- Paper Towels
- Cat Litter
- Cooking Oil or Grease
- Hygiene Products
- Wipes of ANY Kind

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## IMPACTS OF IMPROPERLY DISPOSING OF FATS, OIL, AND GREASE (FOG)

We received several emails and questions regarding last quarter's information on disposing of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOGs). Below are some additional information that can help you prevent clogs and backups.

As a reminder, FOGs should never be poured down the drain or disposal.

While FOGs often start out in a liquid state, they congeal as they cool. FOGs can cause clogs and sewer back-ups. The helpful folks at Consumer Reports had some great hints, ideas, and product recommendations to address this concern:

- The simplest approach is to pour leftover fats, oils, and grease into a used container or zipper bag and dispose of it in your household trash. While this will prevent clogs it can also be a messy (and smelly) way to address the issue.
- Consumer reports recommends considering using an "oil solidifier" as an easier and more effective means of managing left over and excess FOGs.
  - Oil Solidifiers are a flaked or powdered product that can be sprinkled over hot cooking oil to form a gelatinous solid. The leftover FOGs are easier to scoop and dispose of in a more solid state. Solids do not require the extra step and waste of a container or baggy.
  - Several products are available on Amazon and other sites including: FryAway, Hard Oil, Quickshine, SolidFry and stearic acid flakes.
    - Consumer Reports recommends stearic acid flakes as an effective and economical option at around \$1 per ounce and states that 2 tablespoons are needed per cup of oil.

*If you decide to try an oil solidifier reach out and let us know your thoughts. We would like to hear from you and share your experience with the rest of the community.*

## Examples of Waterwise plants that thrive in Colorado

Fernbush  
Agastache  
Spanish Gold Broom  
Catmint  
Iceplant  
Blue Avena Grass  
Penstemon  
Mojave Sage  
Prairie Winecups  
Mexican Feather Grass  
Apache Plume  
Torch Lilly  
Crimson Pygmy Barberry  
Agave  
Prairie Coneflower  
Creeping Western Sand Cherry  
Coral Bells  
Yucca

For more information about waterwise plants and gardening visit:

[www.resourcecentral.org](http://www.resourcecentral.org)

Fall Gardens in a Box are available now!

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BILL PAY

The District's online bill pay option saves you time and gives you more flexibility in how you pay your bills. It's fast, it's free, it's easy to sign up.

To pay your bill, access Xpress Bill Pay at [www.NWLSD.us](http://www.NWLSD.us).

You can also contact the Xpress Bill Pay Customer Service department at 800-766-2350 if you need assistance with your account or payment.



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Trivia Answer: C.  
The District monitors and maintains more than 66 miles of pipes.



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.