

# WHAT IS XERISCAPING?

It is the art of creating water-conserving landscapes by efficient watering techniques and selecting plants that are appropriate to the natural environment.

The best xeriscapes use a fraction of the water needed by traditional lawn-dominated landscapes. Some xeric plants require little or no supplemental watering once they are established, and xeriscapes require far less ongoing maintenance.

Xeriscape is an ideal way to "live green." More than fifty percent of residential water in the western United States is used to keep landscapes and lawns green. Xeriscape can reduce this by 60% or more. Efficient water use means finding ways to have attractive, landscapes without excessive water use.

Xeriscaping will help beautify your home and increase its value - as much as 15%! Using plants and landscaping that are native to the area in which you live can conserve water, time, money and the landscape will retain its beauty during times of drought.

Step up and do your part to "live green" - xeriscape your yard and cut down on your water usage. It's the "green thing" to do!

## - SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF XERISCAPE

1. Plan and Design for Water Conservation, Beauty and Utility
2. Improve the Soil
3. Limit Turf to Practical Sizes or Select Alternatives to Turf
4. Water Efficiently With Proper Irrigation Methods
5. Select Appropriate Plants and Group According to Similar Water Needs
6. Mulch to Reduce Evaporation
7. Properly Maintain Your Landscape

The Demonstration Xeriscape Garden is located in the Pueblo Airport Industrial Park. From Highway 50 East take the Pueblo Memorial Airport exit north to United Avenue. Turn east on United Avenue, approximately one half mile to the corner of Reyes Avenue.



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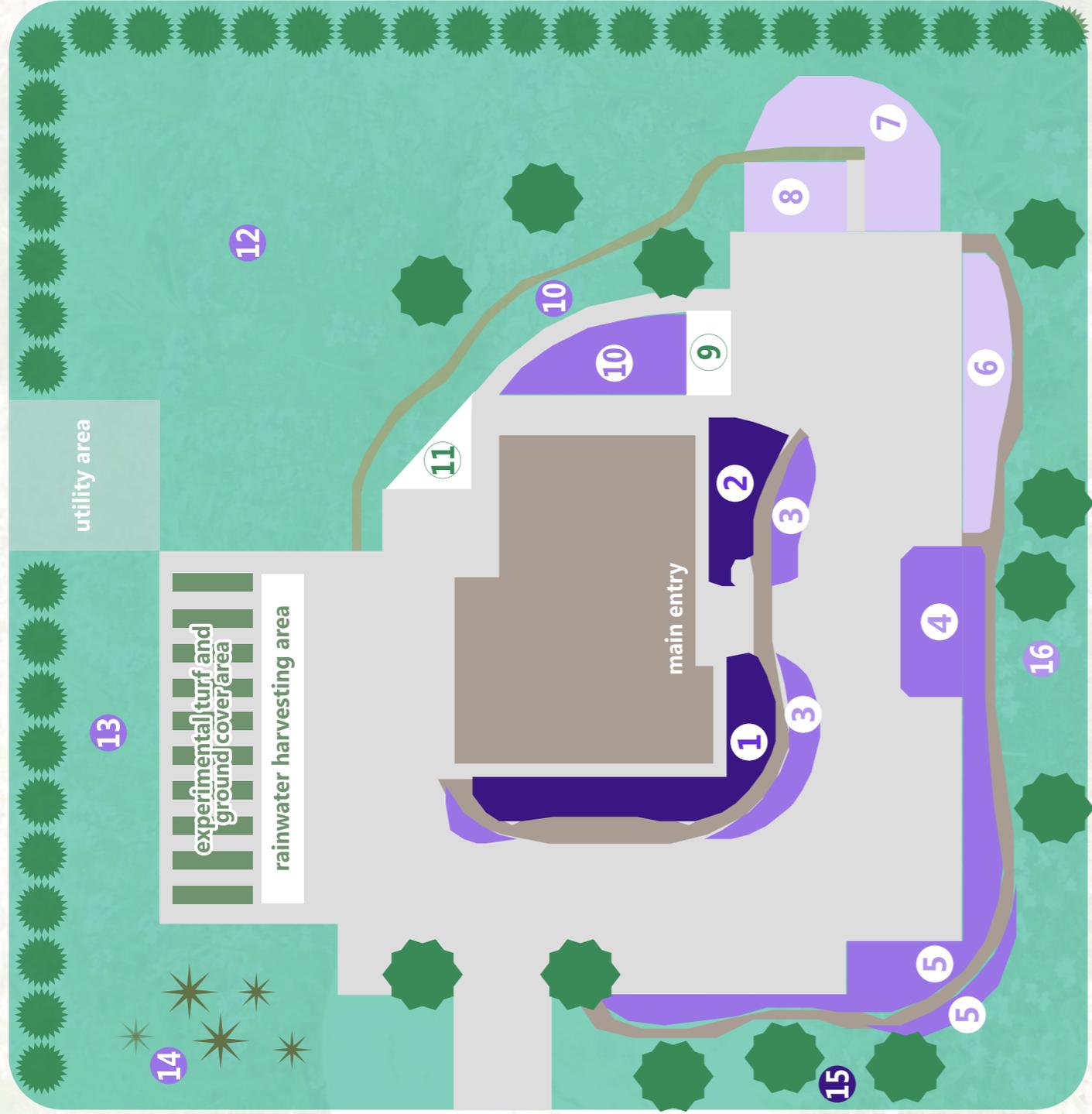
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**DEMONSTRATION  
XERISCAPE GARDEN**



# XERISCAPE GARDEN MAP AND KEY

- NO WATER
  - VERY LOW WATER
  - LOW WATER
  - MODERATE WATER

- 1) Pop-Up Spray irrigation / Bark Mulch
- 2) Sub-surface Irrigation / Bark Mulch
- 3) Drip Irrigation / Pea Gravel Mulch
- 4) Rotator Spray / Pea Gravel Mulch
- 5) Rotator Spray / Pea Gravel Mulch
- 6) Drip System w/ mostly native plants, Pea Gravel Mulch
- 7) Rotator Pop-Up Spray, / Ornamental Grass Garden
- 8) Sub-surface Irrigation / Wildflowers from seed

- 9) Hardy Cactus Garden
- 10) Sub-surface Irrigation / Herbs, Perennials, Shrubs
- 11) Hand-watered, only when needed
- 12) Rotator Spray / Reclamation Mix Turf
- 13) Rotator Spray / Reclamation
- 14) Rotators / Natives Grasses
- 15) Sub-surface Irrigation / Fescue
- 16) Rotator Pop-Up Spray / Buffalo - Bluegrass Turf

**THE DEMONSTRATION XERISCAPE GARDEN** is an educational tool to help the public better understand the practical and beautiful aspects of water wise gardening. The garden is divided into four hydro zones based on the water needs of plants. Many different types of efficient irrigation technology are demonstrated throughout the garden. The Demonstration Xeriscape garden features many Plant Select Program plants to help determine those best suited to Southeastern Colorado. Guided tours are available by appointment. Printed information including plant lists and practical gardening guides are available in the lobby during office hours: Monday –Friday, 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM. You can learn more about xeriscaping, efficient irrigation, and the plants in the garden by visiting our website at [www.secwcxeriscape.org](http://www.secwcxeriscape.org).