Waterwise Landscape Design

“Low Maintenance Yard”
**Trees**

- Pinyon Pine
  *Pinus edulis*
- Golden Raintree
  *Koelreuteria paniculata*
- Hackberry
  *Celtis occidentalis*

**Perennials**

- Firecracker Penstemon
  *Penstemon eatonii*
- Desert Four O’clock
  *Mirabilis multiflora*
- Green Santolina
  *Santolina viridis*
- Chocolate Flower
  *Berlandiera lyrata*

**Shrubs**

- Repanda Juniper
  *Juniperus communis ‘Repanda’*
- Creeping Oregon Grape
  *Mahonia repens*
- Curl-Leaf Mountain Mahogany
  *Cercocarpus ledifolius*
- Colorado Manzanita
  *Arctostaphylos x coloradensis*
Low-maintenance Landscape Design - #1 in a series of sample landscape designs

All landscapes require some degree of maintenance, but yard work can be reduced with a properly designed landscape using drought tolerant plants rather than a typical lawn. While it is familiar to most people, lawn requires weekly mowing, regular fertilization and aeration, and consumes a relatively large amount of water. Consider using lawn only in areas where it serves a practical purpose.

This home landscape design incorporates attractive drought tolerant plants that require little or no maintenance. *The most efficient way to water this type of landscape is with a drip irrigation system.*

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At left is the High Mountain Desert Landscape in the Conservation Garden Park, our lowest-maintenance landscape.

On the cover
Firecracker penstemon (*Penstemon eatonii*) is an upright, semi-evergreen perennial with dark green leaves. This plant blooms in early spring with tubular, bright red flowers. It attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Remove spent flower stems to keep it looking its best.

Other low-maintenance plants for a water-wise landscape (not a complete list):

- Alpine Currant
- Autumn Sage
- Bar Harbor Juniper
- Blanketflower
- Chocolate Flower
- Cinquefoil
- Contorted Filbert
- Copper Rose
- Dwarf Cotoneaster
- Dwarf Mugo Pine
- Kentucky Coffee Tree
- Kinnikinnik
- Mexican Hat
- Pink Panda Strawberry
- Red Twig Dogwood
- Red Yucca
- Spirea
- Thyme
- Utah Juniper
- Utah Ladyfinger
- Western Redbud

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