



# IT'S NOT ZEROSCAPE, IT'S XERISCAPE!

Many people not only mispronounce the word Xeriscape but also misunderstand exactly what it means imagining landscapes containing only rock and cactus.

Xeriscape (pronounced ZEER-i-scape) is derived from the Greek word 'Xeros' meaning 'dry.' Xeriscape stands for water conservation in landscaping. Xeriscapes are attractive, sustainable, and water-efficient landscapes based on seven basic and sound horticultural practices.

*The seven principles of Xeriscape are:*

1. Plan and design landscaping comprehensively.
2. Evaluate soil and improve, if necessary.
3. Create practical turf areas.
4. Select plants with similar needs and group them accordingly in the landscape.
5. Water efficiently with a properly designed irrigation system.
6. Use organic mulches to reduce surface evaporation of water and minimize weeds.
7. Practice appropriate landscape maintenance.

Using the Xeriscape principles will help ensure you have a beautiful, sustainable landscape.

Source: Colorado Water Wise Council and GreenCO BMP's.