

ALTERNATIVES IN LANDSCAPING

The alternatives that Prairie Scapes promote are based on the concepts of environmentally friendly landscaping with reduced maintenance and efficient use of water.

Effective Practices Are:

1. Appropriate plant selection for groupings of similar moisture requirements.
2. Irrigation and maintenance methods that provide the best results for plants, and your time and costs.
3. Soil enhancements and mulching for better water retention on lawns and in planting beds.

The picture below illustrates a low maintenance yard that implements the practices listed above.



Photo: Fern Kobewka

Did You Know?

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A Few Plants for Xeriscaping...

- Hippophae rhamnoides* (Sea buckthorn)
- Pinus contorta* var. *latifolia* (Lodgepole pine)
- Potentilla fruticosa* (Potentilla)
- Achillea millefolium* (Common yarrow)
- Gaillardia aristata* (Blanket flower)
- Hemerocallis* spp. (Daylily)
- Helichrysum bracteatum* (Strawflower)

Water is a limited resource. The average Canadian uses 390L per day! 40-70% of that water is used for landscape irrigation. In order for us to have enough water to meet our needs, we must reduce the amount of water that is used in our landscapes.

If we use this reduced water wisely we can still keep our landscapes healthy and beautiful. We can not only have beautiful yards, but we can also gain satisfaction in that we have had a hand in aiding the environment.

Source: Williams, S. (1997) *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape*, Saskatoon, SK: University Extension Press.

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