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## **Water-Wise Landscape Tour showcases beautiful yards that use little water** *17 Dallas area landscape sites featured during 16<sup>th</sup> annual event*

Water-wise landscaping focuses on the use of plants that are native to North Texas or adapted to our climate. These plants naturally thrive in our summer heat with little supplemental watering. 2010 marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year of the popular **Water-Wise Landscape Tour** which will feature 17 landscape sites throughout the Dallas area, **June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

"During the summer, our residents frequently use more than 50 percent of the city's drinking water on lawns and landscaping. To help reduce outdoor use, Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) wants to show residents that beautiful landscaping and water conservation can go hand-in-hand," said Carole Davis, DWU conservation program manager. "The Water-Wise Landscape Tour demonstrates that residents can 'go green by saving blue,' and keep their yards looking great while saving water time, money and energy."

The annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour is a self-guided, free tour showcasing the best of the best North Texas Water-Wise landscapes. Guests can choose their own route and visit as many landscapes as they like. Tour maps can be downloaded at [www.savedallaswater.com](http://www.savedallaswater.com) or picked up at one of the three tour headquarters:

- **Central Headquarters:** White Rock Pump Station, 2900 White Rock Road, Dallas, 75214
- **North Headquarters:** Les Lacs Linear Park, 3901 Beltway Drive, Addison, 75001
- **South Headquarters:** Kiest Park Recreation Center, 3012 South Hampton Road, Dallas 75224

Each of the tour headquarters will serve as the site of "MicroTalks" where attendees can learn how to apply water-wise techniques to their own landscapes. The free 30-minute "MicroTalks" will be taught every hour on the hour by the Dallas County Master Gardeners.

The Water-Wise Landscape Tour is hosted by Dallas Water Utilities, City of Dallas Storm Water Management, Texas AgriLife Extension, the Dallas County Master Gardeners and the Town of Addison.

Saving water outdoors is a key element of DWU's plan to ensure there is an ample supply of water for future generations. Since the 2001 implementation of the *Save Dallas Water* program, Dallas residents' conservation efforts have saved an estimated 98 billion gallons of water. The annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour helps to give Dallas residents the information and motivation they need to continue saving water and provides them with the knowledge that every drop counts.

**About City of Dallas Water Utilities:** City of Dallas Water Utilities and its *Save Dallas Water* campaign strives to raise awareness about water conservation by providing local citizens with facts and information to encourage conservation at all levels of our community. The main goals of the Water Conservation Program are to extend the life of existing water supplies, reduce water waste and per capita consumption. To find out more information on City of Dallas Water Utilities conservation programs please visit [www.savedallaswater.com](http://www.savedallaswater.com).

**About Green Dallas:** The City of Dallas' Green Dallas initiative is aimed at environmental responsibility and encourages both public and private sector involvement. To find out more about how the City of Dallas is an environmental leader and what residents can do to 'build a greener Dallas,' visit the City's green Web site [www.GreenDallas.net](http://www.GreenDallas.net)

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