

Water Wise Landscaping in a Drought

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 to Noon
Mendocino College – Little Theater
Speaker: Jim Xerogeanes

Do you want a few tips on managing your garden this summer? Which plants can you grow to produce food but do not need a lot of water? Are you wondering how to keep your landscape alive during this drought?

Mendocino College and the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) are holding a series of free workshops that address water conservation strategies for families and residential water users. The next workshop focuses on landscaping and gardening with water conservation in mind.

According to Agriculture Sciences instructor Jim Xerogeanes, “Home gardening and landscape upkeep is going to be a challenge this summer. With some preparation and a few tips, you can have a food garden and beautiful landscaping without wasting water.”

The landscaping workshop will be held Saturday May 17 from 9 am until noon at the Mendocino College Little Theater. Topics covered include: survival basics for gardening in a drought, Mediterranean style garden designs and plant species, water auditing the yard and garden, and drip irrigation tips.

Future workshops will cover greywater designs, uses, and permit requirements (June 14) and home interior conservation (July 12).

“The workshop series was developed to help families through the current drought and beyond,” says Joe Scriven of the MCRCD. “Even with the recent rains, we are still well below normal rainfall. We want our communities to be prepared.”

All the workshops are free of charge, and everyone is invited. No pre-registration is required. Funding for the workshops comes from the California Department of Water Resources - Proposition 84.

For more information, call Joe Scriven of the MCRCD at 462-3664 ext. 104 or visit the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District website at www.mcrcd.org/drought-water-conservation-resources