



START SMALL

Rather than redesigning your entire yard at once, **begin with one manageable area** such as a front border, boulevard strip, or a section of lawn. This allows you to test plant choices, observe how they perform in your specific conditions, and refine your watering and maintenance approach.

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- **Overwatering** drought-tolerant plants
- Installing plastic weed fabric under mulch
- Planting without considering mature size
- Choosing **invasive** 'low-water' species

WHAT IS XERISCAPE?

Xeriscaping is a water-wise approach to landscaping that conserves water through thoughtful design, soil improvement, efficient irrigation, and appropriate plant selection.

Well suited to our semi-arid climate, xeriscape gardens can reduce outdoor water use by up to 50 percent, while supporting pollinators and biodiversity.

Far from being dry or sparse, xeriscapes can be vibrant, colourful and full of life,



WATERING TIP


Even drought-tolerant plants need consistent moisture during their **first two growing seasons**. Early care builds deep, resilient roots.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Invasive Species Council of British Columbia
bcinvasives.ca
- FireSmart BC
firesmartbc.ca
- Okanagan Xeriscape Society
okanaganxeriscape.org/db/
- City of Kamloops
kamloops.ca
- Thompson Nicola Xeriscape Association
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XERISCAPE GARDENING

Create a beautiful, resilient landscape that uses less water and thrives in our local climate!

7 PRINCIPLES of XERISCAPE

PLANT IDEAS

PLANNING & DESIGN



Assess sun exposure, soil type, slope, drainage and expected water use.

EFFICIENT IRRIGATION



Use efficient irrigation methods, such as drip systems or targeted watering.

SOIL IMPROVEMENT



Incorporate organic matter into the soil to improve structure and allow for healthier root growth.

MULCHING



Apply organic or inorganic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation, regulate soil temperature and help suppress weeds.

APPROPRIATE PLANT SELECTION



Choose climate-adapted non-invasive plants that thrive in local conditions.

MAINTENANCE



Maintain landscapes with proper pruning, weeding and watering to keep plants healthy while conserving water.

PRACTICAL TURF AREAS



Limit turf areas to functional spaces, using drought-tolerant grasses suited to the climate.



Blanket Flower
Gaillardia aristata



Blue Oat Grass
Helictotrichon sempervirens



Canada Goldenrod
Solidago canadensis



Catmint
Nepeta racemosa
'Walker's Low'



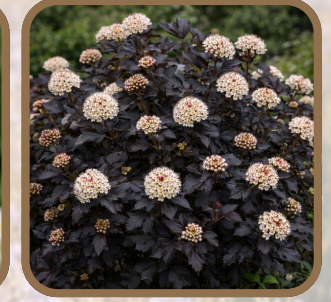
Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea



Cranesbill
Geranium spp.



Mock Orange
Philadelphus lewisii



Ninebark
Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diabolo'



Oregon Grape
Berberis aquifolium



Showy Daisy
Erigeron speciosus



Stonecrop
Sedum alboroseum
'Autumn Joy'



Yarrow
Achillea millefolium