SUSTAINABILITY SAVINGS TIP

DRAB TO FAB BACKYARD REHAB
Four steps to take your yard from drab to fabulous!

Does your yard need a makeover? Do you ever wish you could have a team of experts transform your tired or water-thirsty yard from dull-and-drab to fabulous? You can—and we’re here to help! Our Drab to Fab video series documents the steps you’ll need to take, from creating a plan, to planting, and then caring for your new landscape. Start with these four steps:

1. A GREAT YARD STARTS WITH A GREAT PLAN
Learn how in our Xeriscape: Landscaping with Style in the Arizona Desert, a step-by-step guide for planning your landscape with sample designs and drawings. As you gather ideas for your design, visit one of many Valley Xeriscape demonstration gardens for inspiration.

2. PLANTS THAT THRIVE, SURVIVE
Unlock the door to successful landscapes by choosing plants that thrive. We have many ways that you can learn about the 100’s of desert-adapted plants available. Water – Use It Wisely features a page on Choosing and Planting Low Water-Use Plants, or you may want to peruse our Plant of the Month Series or use our helpful Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert plant selection site.

3. PROPER IRRIGATION KEPS YOUR LANDSCAPING FROM SOAKING YOU
Setting up or reconfiguring your irrigation properly will ensure that you’re watering efficiently while keeping your landscape healthy and beautiful. An irrigation supply specialist (wholesale stores) can help you find the ideal solutions for your unique irrigation needs. Landscape Watering by the Numbers: A Guide for the Arizona Desert is a great resource full of Arizona low desert watering information.

4. HOW TO INSTALL: IT’S GO PRO OR DIY
Love a do-it-yourself challenge? Check out the Xeriscape guide mentioned above or got to the Water – Use It Wisely website for Landscape Care How-To Topics. You can also look for local workshops at the calendar of events. If you’d rather have a pro create a water-wise outdoor escape for you, we’ve got tips for that, too.

NEED INSPIRATION? WATCH OUR 10-PART VIDEO SERIES
Water – Use It Wisely Drab to Fab info pages and 10-part video series will show you the steps to take whether you’re doing a simple renovation or a ground up landscape makeover. Find all of the links above at wateruseitwisely.com.

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