

WATERWISE PLANTS

Choose plants with low water needs that will thrive in our arid climate without much effort! These are our favorites:



Purple Cone Flower



Oregon Grape



Sweet Woodruff



Shrub Rose



Yarrow



Mock Orange



Wooly Thyme



Ninebark



WATERWISE IRRIGATION

Use an automated system.

As one of the most WaterWise irrigation methods, automated systems ensure you only water as much as you set as required.

Set different zones.

Different plants have different watering needs. Shrubs and trees may require watering less than a lawn. Having different watering zones ensure you aren't over watering plants that don't require as much water.

Use smart system controllers.

Features such as rain/moisture sensors, a pressure gauge, backflow prevention devices, and on-hand replacement parts are a relatively small expense compared to the added convenience and water savings.

WATERWISE LAWNS

Avoid overwatering lawns.

Your lawn only needs 1 inch of water per week, during the hottest part of the year. Watering deeply, and less often is the best way to promote a healthy lawn.

Aerate to improve absorption.

Aerating your lawn and around trees at least once a year helps improve water absorption!

Use a topdress.

Add $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of topsoil mixed with compost in a thin layer over your lawn. It helps return nutrients to the lawn like a fertilizer while also helping improve your soil.



Use rain as a resource!

Using a rain barrel is a simple and effective way to conserve water in the North Okanagan - and it's easier than you might think to build your own!