

Helpful Xeriscape Resources

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1. Xeriscape Plant Guide This book was produced by Denver Water and was a cooperative effort of several organizations and individuals, most of the efforts were volunteer. Introduction by Rob Proctor. The back cover says that it is "the BIBLE on plants for water-wise gardens!" and it is.

2. Xeriscape Colorado - The Complete Guide by Connie Lockhart Ellison and David Winger. This book outlines the seven Xeriscape principals and shows many examples of how beautiful xeriscape can be.

3. Douglas County has produced a short Xeriscaping CD that is a good way to get a very basic xeriscaping education. This CD can be picked up at their offices in Castle Rock. Douglas County's water web site www.dwater.org Your neighbor, Leslie Markovchick, has a copy of this CD that she will lend. Please call her at 303-278-2297. These are web sites from this CD that also might be helpful to you:

- www.botanicgardens.org - Click on #2 - 12 Xeriscape gardening tips. Also please note that the Denver Botanic Garden has demonstration "water-smart" gardens.

- <http://www.ext.colostate.edu> - This is the C.S.U. Cooperative Extension Service web site. Click on the answer link and then type in Xeriscape. From there you can choose from various Xeriscaping topics such as ornamental grasses and ground covers.

- www.xratedgardening.com - This is web site of the Garden Centers of Colorado. There are links to various categories such as annuals and perennials and within those categories plants are grouped according to their degree of tolerance for dry conditions.