

Showcasing the resilience, beauty and diversity of water efficient plants

Welcome to the ...

MORE INFORMATION

AWE Garden brochures, plant list and other outdoor water conservation tips are available in the library and on the city's website:

<http://www.cityofalbany.net/departments/public-works/water-a-sewer-system/conserving-water-around-your-home#outside>

Water Efficient Plants of the Willamette Valley

http://www.cityofalbany.net/_included_pages/publicworks/envservices/efficient-plants/index.htm

Garden Smart Oregon

<http://www.opb.org/programs/invasives/extras/gardensmartguide.pdf>

FREE OUTDOOR WATER EFFICIENCY AUDITS

The City offers **free** water efficiency audits from May—July. Contact Kim Kagelaris at 541-220-0312 or kim.kagelaris@cityofalbany.net



Yarrow



Located at the northwest corner of the main Library

2450 14th Ave SE

Save time, money and water ...

WATER

It's important to use water efficiently even in the Willamette Valley where we seem to have a lot of rain! Think about our climate..most of our rain falls in the winter and we have dry, warm summers.

Municipal water use can double or triple in the summer. Water Efficient plants require **30% - 50% less water than a lawn.**

BENEFITS

By using water efficiently we leave more water in streams for fish, other aquatic animals, and us humans to enjoy!

- Lower water bill
- Less yard waste to manage
- Less maintenance once plants are established
- Less lawn mowing, gas, and emissions
- Less cost for new pipes to carry water
- Less energy to treat and transport water
- Less polluted runoff



Black-eyed Susan



GOING WATER EFFICIENT

Water efficient landscaping is not barren rocks and cactus! That's why the City, with the help of St. Mary's and North Albany MS students, planted the AWE Garden. Please stop by, enjoy over 25 water efficient plant species and get some ideas for your yard. Plant list available at the library and on online.:



Enjoy a beautiful yard

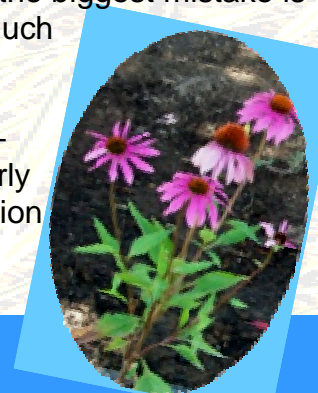
Ice Plant



THE 7 PRINCIPLES

As well as choosing water efficient plants, there are other steps to achieving water efficient landscaping :

1. Create a plan
2. Look after your soil—compost and cultivate
3. Use turf only where you need it—consider water efficient groundcovers or hardscape
4. Put the right plant in the right place and group plants with like water and sun needs
5. Water Wisely—the biggest mistake is watering too much
6. Use Mulch
7. Keep up the Maintenance—
aerate turf yearly
Maintain irrigation systems



Cone Flower