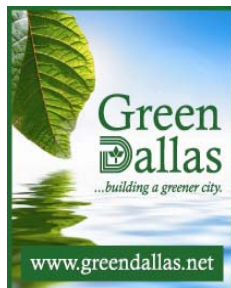


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13th Annual Water-Wise Garden Tour to Demonstrate the Ultimate in Green

Free Tour to Showcase Winning Landscapes on June 7

DALLAS – Dallas Water Utilities (DWU), City of Dallas Storm Water Management, Texas AgriLife Extension and the Dallas County Master Gardeners will team up to host the **13th Annual Water-Wise Garden Tour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 7**, at 26 landscape sites throughout the Dallas area. Water-Wise gardening focuses on using plants native or adapted to North Texas, which thrive naturally in our climate with little supplemental watering.

The Annual Water-Wise Garden Tour is a self-guided, free tour showcasing the best of the best North Texas water-wise landscapes. Guests may download a tour map at www.savedallaswater.com or pick one up at one of the three tour headquarters. Each of the tour headquarters will serve as the site of mini-seminars where attendees can learn how to apply water-wise techniques to their own landscapes. The free 15-minute "MicroTalks" will be taught every hour on the hour by the Dallas County Master Gardeners. Following are the tour headquarters:

- **Central Headquarters:** White Rock Pump Station, 2900 White Rock Road, Dallas, 75214
- **North Headquarters:** Les Lacs Linear Park, 3901 Beltway Drive, Addison, 75001
- **South Headquarters:** Armstrong Park, 300 E. Wheatland Road, Duncanville, 75116

"During Dallas' summers, residents frequently use more than 50 percent of the city's drinking water on lawns and landscaping. To help reduce outdoor use, DWU wants to show residents that beautiful landscaping and water conservation can go hand-in-hand," said Carole Davis, DWU conservation program manager. "The Water-Wise Garden Tour demonstrates that residents can 'go green by saving blue,' and keep their yards looking great, while saving water time, money and energy."

Saving water outdoors is a key element of DWU's plan to ensure there is an ample supply of water for future generations. Since the implementation of the *Save Dallas Water* campaign, Dallas residents' efforts have saved an estimated 70 billion gallons of water since 2001. The Annual Water-Wise Garden Tour helps give Dallas residents the information and motivation they need to continue saving water and learn that every drop counts.

About Green Dallas: The City of Dallas' Green Dallas initiative is aimed at environmental responsibility and encourages both public and private sector involvement. To find out more about how the City of Dallas is an environmental leader and what residents can do to 'build a greener Dallas,' visit the City's green Web site www.GreenDallas.net

About City of Dallas Water Utilities: City of Dallas Water Utilities and its *Save Dallas Water* campaign strives to raise awareness about water conservation by providing local citizens with facts and information to encourage conservation at all levels of our community. The main goals of the Water Conservation Program are to extend the life of existing water supplies, reduce water waste and per capita consumption. To find out more information on City of Dallas Water Utilities conservation programs please visit www.savedallaswater.com.