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2009 Water-Wise Landscape Tour Set for June 6; Free event to promote regional water conservation

Dallas - Despite recent rainfall across North Texas, the dry hot summer is just around the corner and residents in Dallas and the rest of the region are urged to reduce water usage, especially for landscaping. As part of its water conservation efforts, Dallas Water Utilities is teaming with other organizations to present the 15th annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 6.

The tour is free and self-guided. There are 17 homes on the tour, seven demonstration gardens and three tour headquarters. Volunteers and the homeowners will be available to answer questions at all of the tour stops and Dallas County Master Gardeners will conduct free 15-minute talks on Water-Wise gardening topics every hour at each of the three tour headquarters. For a schedule of topics, go to www.SaveDallasWater.com.

The three tour headquarters are:

- White Rock Lake Pump Station, 2900 White Rock Road - Dallas
- Kiest Park Recreation Center, 3012 South Hampton Road - Dallas
- Les Lacs Linear Park at 3901 Beltway Drive - Addison

"This is a great opportunity for area residents to learn about and see examples of Water-Wise Landscaping," said DWU Conservation Program Manager Carole Davis. "We'll also have experts available to answer questions about how you can have a beautiful garden and yard while reducing the amount of water you use each year."

The event is sponsored by the City of Dallas Water Utilities, City of Dallas Stormwater Management, Dallas County Master Gardeners and Texas Agrilife Extension.

The first 150 visitors at each of the three headquarters will receive a free hose nozzle and rain gauge. Additional information, including a map of the tour locations can be found at SaveDallasWater.com, or by calling the Water Conservation Hotline at (214) 670-3155.

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