



# Water-wise / Sustainable Landscaping

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Prepare Your Yard for Droughts

# Water-Wise Landscape



## Transform Your Landscape for Drought Resilience

Implement water-wise irrigation and select native, drought-tolerant plants now to ensure your property's landscape is well-prepared for the next drought and any resulting water restrictions.

Water-wise landscaping and xeriscaping are often mistaken for using rocks and cacti only, but there are many Texas natives and adapted plants that can create a beautiful landscape. Check out the tips below to learn some easy adjustments to your flowerbeds and lawn this fall, and by next spring and summer, you'll be glad you did!

### Wondering Where To Start?

- ✓ Know Your Zone
- ✓ Assess, Replace & Prevent
- ✓ Track Sun Patterns
- ✓ Research Native Plants
- ✓ Shop Smartly Sourced
- ✓ Select Statewide Plants
- ✓ Replace Landscaping
- ✓ Visit [TWDB website](#) for more information.





## Watershed Wise Landscape Basics

### Water-Wise

# Landscape & Lawns

- 1** A water-wise landscape doesn't require sacrificing your lawn or making drastic lifestyle changes.
- 2** Water conservation begins with you, focusing on your yard's usage.
- 3** Up to three-quarters of household water is used for landscape watering during dry periods.
- 4** Inefficient sprinklers can waste up to 300 gallons of water per hour on a lawn

# Farmers Branch Code Of Ordinance

Chapter 56 – Property  
Maintenance

Chapter 56-51 – Declared a  
Public Nuisance & Prohibited

**It is unlawful and declared a public nuisance for any person, owner or tenant of any real property, occupied or unoccupied to maintain any and all vegetation on such real property that fails to comply with the following provisions:**

(a) Except for water buffers and ornamental plants used as landscaping, grass or weeds shall not be allowed to grow in excess of eight inches in height.

(d) Vegetation which is believed to be hazardous to persons or property by the enforcement authority shall be removed, including but not limited to any dead, dying or diseased vegetation

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(f) Vegetation shall be maintained with the following clearances:

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(1) Vegetation growing over public sidewalks and public pathways shall:

b. not encroach beyond, over, or above the edge of a sidewalk or other pathway

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(2) Vegetation growing over for public streets shall:

b. Not encroach over or above the back of the curb or, if there is no curb, the edge of the street pavement

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(h) All vegetation used as a border or edging, including decorative groundcovers, shall be maintained by mowing, trimming and/or edging so as to be in conformance with subsection (f) of this section and shall be maintained so as to not to encroach over the edge of public ways and public sidewalks, curbs, or street pavement. This shall not preclude the use of permeable pavement or permeable flatwork techniques that incorporate groundcover in their design provided the areas are maintained in accordance with this chapter



# Farmers Branch Code Of Ordinance Chapter 94 – Zoning

## 4.1 – LANDSCAPING

### E. Minimum Landscape Requirements

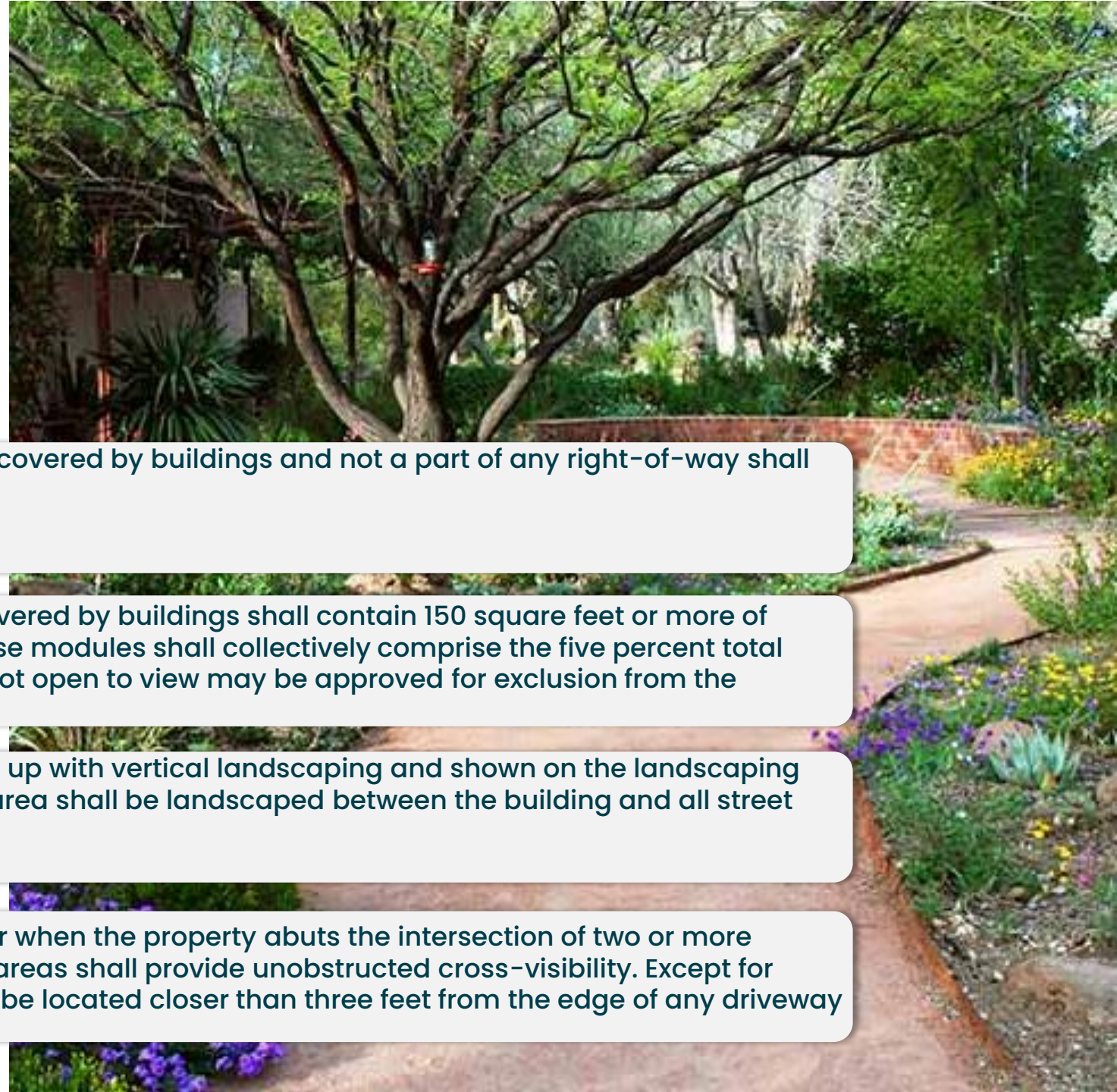
#### 1. Prescribed Area

a. A minimum of five percent of the entire lot area not covered by buildings and not a part of any right-of-way shall be landscaped in accordance with this section.

b. Each modular area of land 50 feet by 50 feet not covered by buildings shall contain 150 square feet or more of landscaped area in accordance with this section. These modules shall collectively comprise the five percent total landscaped area in paragraph a, above. Rear areas not open to view may be approved for exclusion from the landscaping requirements.

c. Parking areas visible from the street shall be broken up with vertical landscaping and shown on the landscaping plan. A minimum of five percent of the total property area shall be landscaped between the building and all street right-of-way lines.

d. When a driveway intersects a public right-of-way or when the property abuts the intersection of two or more rights-of-way, all landscaping within sight triangular areas shall provide unobstructed cross-visibility. Except for required grass or ground cover, landscaping shall not be located closer than three feet from the edge of any driveway pavement.



# Farmers Branch Code Of Ordinance Chapter 94 – Zoning

## 4.1 – LANDSCAPING (Cont.)

e. The area between the property line and the street curb shall be included on the landscape plan, and shall be maintained by the abutting property owner.

f. All landscaping shall be maintained in a living growing condition. Any landscaping that is removed must be replaced with the same or comparable species and caliper plant, as when it was originally installed.

**Note:** The applicability of the zoning regulations will apply to all districts with the exception of residential districts.





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**Water conscious landscaping, also known as water-wise landscaping or xeriscaping, is a landscaping approach that minimizes water use while maintaining a visually appealing and healthy outdoor space. This is achieved through strategies like using drought-tolerant plants, efficient irrigation systems, and proper soil management.**

**By implementing these strategies, water-conscious landscaping can significantly reduce water consumption, lower water bills, and create a beautiful and sustainable landscape that thrives in your local environment.**

Embrace Sustainable Splendor

# Transform Your Landscape

## With Water-Saving Innovations

Implementing innovative water-saving techniques in landscaping can have a significant positive impact on the environment.

By using strategies such as:

- \* Rainwater harvesting,
- \* Drip irrigation
- \* Mulching

You can reduce water consumption and contribute to sustainable practices. These eco-friendly methods not only help conserve water resources but also promote healthier landscapes that require less maintenance.



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# Questions

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