Welcome to the Water Wise Neighborhood

Are you considering installing unplanted decorative rock? Consider a budget-friendly living landscape instead. For a modest investment, you can use water-wise plants that grow quickly to create a beautiful yard. You don’t even need a sprinkler system. Simply use a drip irrigation system attached to a water spigot. This type of landscape will only cost you $30 per 1,000 square feet to water for the entire summer. Talk about curb appeal on a tight budget.

Visit our garden at 2855 Mesa Rd. to see this landscape in person or check out csu.org for more information.

Low Cost
A landscape design for maximizing your budget

Plant List

A  SENSATION ROSE SALVIA (9)
B  LAMB’S EAR (6)
C  IRIS (10)
D  RUSSIAN SAGE (3)
E  PRAIRIE SKY SWITCHGRASS (3)
F  WHITE BUD MUGO (1)
G  PRAIRIE SNOW POTENTILLA (3)
H  DWARF KOREAN LILAC (3)
I  NANKING CHERRY (1)
J  DIABLO NINEBARK (2)
K  BLUE CHIP JUNIPER (3)
L  PRINCESS KAY PLUM (1)
Low-Cost landscape tips:

• Free wood chip mulch is available in several locations throughout Colorado Springs.

• Buy smaller plants that will rapidly fill in a space to keep the initial cost low.

• Breeze, which comes in a variety of colors, can be used as a low-cost material for pathways and seating areas.

• Drip irrigation can be connected to your spigot, thereby saving you from installing an entire sprinkler system. You can even use a battery-operated timer to water automatically. Just make sure to disconnect the drip from the spigot for the winter.