Welcome to the Water Wise Neighborhood

A landscape design for sandy, windy and dry front yards

It can be challenging to sustain a landscape on a sunny, wind-swept site with sandy soil. That’s where prairie plants come to the rescue. This landscape incorporates tough shrubs, flowers and groundcovers that thrive in well-drained soil. Plus, the blue grama lawn uses only half as much water as a traditional lawn. You can mow it twice per month or leave it to grow naturally for a less manicured look.

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

Plant List

A COLORADO FOUR O’CLOCK (3)
B MOONSHINE YARROW (4)
C ROCKY MOUNTAIN PENSTEMON (7)
D PUSSEYTOES (8)
E BLUE OAT GRASS (5)
F BLUE MIST SPIREA (2)
G HARRISON’S YELLOW ROSE (2)
H WICHITA BLUE JUNIPER (2)
I BABY BLUE RABBITBRUSH (7)
J PAWNEE BUTTES SANDCHERRY (2)
K GIANT SACATON GRASS (3)
L BLONDE AMBITION BLUE GRAMA (7)
M BLUE GRAMA
Prairie landscape tips:

• Use blue grama grass for a low-water, low-maintenance lawn. Check out our in-depth guide at csu.org to learn how to install and maintain this amazing native grass.

• Direct the water from your down spouts to your higher water-use plants.

• Flagstone steppers create a beautiful and informal path that helps protect the lawn from foot traffic.

• Choosing low-water plants like these will save up to 60 percent on your landscape water.

• Shredded wood mulch is best for windy conditions. Apply four inches to retain soil moisture and prevent weeds.