

## News Release

Subject: Public Invited to Free Heritage Garden Workshop

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## **Public Invited to Free Heritage Garden Workshop**

A free workshop will teach community members how to develop attractive landscaping that uses little water.

The North & South Yakima Conservation Districts are inviting the public to participate in the Fall Heritage Garden Workshop. It will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Yakima Area Arboretum. One of the sponsors is the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP) Water Use Committee.

"The focus is on creating water-wise landscapes and gardens in our arid climate," said City of Yakima Interim Public Works Director David Brown, who chairs the YBIP's Municipal Water Conservation Subgroup. "The workshop is being offered as part of the YBIP's ongoing efforts in water conservation."

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The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Space is limited to 99 people.

Besides learning about water conservation, workshop attendees will learn how to incorporate unique natural and cultural features into landscapes and watch a presentation on wildflowers of the Shrub-Steppe.

Click <a href="https://www.hgcd.info/calendar">https://www.hgcd.info/calendar</a> for more about the free Heritage Garden Workshop.

The October 26<sup>th</sup> workshop continues the City of Yakima's water conservation emphasis.

Last fall, the City installed low-water use landscaping at the Public Works facility. In spring 2018, the City installed new landscaping in Downtown Yakima on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street that reduced water consumption by about a third.

For more information on those projects, contact Interim Public Works Director David Brown at 575-6154.