



City of Yakima

News Release

Subject: Public Invited to Free Low-Water Use Landscaping Workshop

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Free Workshop Focuses on Pollinators, Water Conservation

A free workshop will teach home owners how to develop attractive landscaping that uses little water.

The Spring 2020 Heritage Garden Workshop is titled "Sharing the Love for Native Plants & Pollinators." It is presented by the North & South Yakima Conservation Districts, as well as the Benton Conservation District. It will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, March 28th, at the Yakima Area Arboretum.

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https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_YqCdFvkAI19_UydwTbrDrNK6u8vW37sgqQxVwXhPj2gMyA/viewform to register. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 25th.

Contact Heritage Garden Program Assistant Ann Autrey 509-528-2683 for more about the workshop.

The Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP) Municipal Water Conservation Committee is one of the workshop sponsors.

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

Besides learning about creating water-wise landscapes and gardens, workshop attendees will learn about:

- The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy
- The Central Washington Chapter of the Washington State Native Plant Society
- The different kinds of native pollinators attracted to native plants, presented by retired entomologist Dr. Bob Gillespie of Wenatchee Valley College.

The workshop continues the City of Yakima's water conservation emphasis.

The City has installed landscaping in Downtown Yakima on the east side of 2nd Street from Yakima Avenue to Staff Sgt. Pendleton Way. The landscaping requires little water and is reducing water consumption by about a third. Also, the City installed irrigation lines and plants that require little water in landscaping areas around the City of Yakima's Public Works Division at 2301 Fruitvale Blvd.

For more information on those projects, contact Assistant Public Works Director David Brown at 575-6204.