

LEARN TO USE WATER WISELY – YARD & GARDEN

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Although temperatures are frigid now, before long spring will be upon us and our yards and gardens will become a hub of activity between the installation of new flowers and shrubs, fertilization of our lawns or the planting of our spring gardens. As we begin making our plans for future weekends of lawn and garden work we typically focus on those improvements that enhance the quality of life and the aesthetics of our homes. However, special consideration should be given to practices that help conserve one of our most precious resources, WATER.

Did you know that during the summer months 50% - 80% of our water consumption is used outside according to the Texas Water Development Board? And as much as half of that may be wasted? With the rising cost of water, it benefits all of us to make a more conscious effort to conserve water. So as you plan your spring outdoor activities take time to read North Fort Bend Water Authority's two (2) page brochure on "Learning to Use Water Wisely – Yard & Garden", http://www.nfbwa.com/conservation/23640_PC-NFBWA-Save%20Water%20Yard.pdf. This handy brochure provides consumers with a variety of suggestions on water saving practices.

Other great references for native and drought tolerant plant material and water smart practices can be found at the Association of Water Board Directors website, http://www.awbd-tx.org/pdf/Water_Smart_Books_04.pdf.