

## Resources for Drought-Resistant Landscapes – on the Web and Elsewhere

### NWACA Drought-Resistant Gardening Event – April 27, 2013

- Austin Water Utility
  - demonstration plots at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road
  - hose meter available for checkout at some libraries
  - web site: <http://austintexas.gov/department/water>
  - check Programs page for special information about saving water and incentives from the City of Austin
  - landscape rebate for removing water-thirsty grass – minimum of 500 square feet, rebate is \$25/100 square feet
  
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center – 4801 La Crosse Avenue (off Mopac South)
  - Grounds open 9am to 5pm daily March 11 – May 31; closed Mondays before March 11 and after May 31; Visitor’s Gallery and Story not open early Sundays
  - Demonstration gardens of many themes; native plants for sale twice a year
  - Admission \$9 adults; \$7 seniors and students; \$3 children ages 5-12; free to members
  - 512-232-0200
  - web site: [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org)
  
- LCRA Redbud Center – 3700 Lake Austin Boulevard
  - demonstration plots of native plants and watering alternatives
  - tours by Colorado River Foundation for school groups
  - open 7am to 7pm M-F; free
  - web site: <http://www.lcra.org/about/overview/redbud.html>
  
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
  - web site: <http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/>
  - practical education and publications based on university research
  
- Travis County Master Gardeners
  - non-profit service organization of certified master gardeners - trained volunteers who give their time in the community to help others garden well and joyfully in Central Texas
  - answer questions by phone, have many meetings and special events
  - demonstration garden at 1600-B Smith Road, in front of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offices
  - web site: <http://www.tcmastergardeners.org/>
  
- Native Plant Society
  - Austin chapter web site: <http://npsot.org/wp/austin/>
  - promotes conservation, research and use of native plants
  - monthly meetings most months of the year

## Tips and Tricks

### Keeping deer off the landscape

- Lay chicken wire or other wire mesh on the bed you're protecting; deer don't like to step on it.
- Plant small cactus known as "horse cripplers" where you don't want them to tread. See landscape at 6404 Sprucewood for some examples.
- Things that work for a while:
  - human hair sprinkled on the ground
  - Liquid Fence and other commercial sprays or granules