



Contact : Rachel Euell
Garden-In-A-Box Associate
Center for ReSource Conservation
2639 Spruce St.,Boulder, CO 80302
giabinfo@conservationcenter.org
www.ConservationCenter.org
303.999.3820 x 222



Garden-In-A-Box

Xeriscape Made Easy

The City of Lafayette and Center for ReSource Conservation, have a solution for how to transform your Front Range lawn into a thriving, low-water perennial garden. This is possible through Gardens-In-A-Box, a product designed for any DIY gardener, be it novice or expert. **Garden-In-A-Box are professionally designed, plant by numbers xeriscape gardens that make drought resistant gardening easy, affordable and convenient.** These affordable gardens are available for purchase online and thanks to the support of the City of Lafayette, prices are **highly discounted for local residents.**

The gardens contain xeriscape, or low-water requiring plants, selected by professional landscapers, and already healthy starters when gardens arrive. “It’s important to recognize that xeriscaping does not mean covering your landscape with rocks and cactus - or that you can’t have any bluegrass.” says Dan Stellar, CRC’s Water Division Director, “The key is to come up with a landscape design that will suit your needs while still conserving water. Garden-In-A-Box does just that.”

The Garden-In-A-Box is an easy way to reduce water consumption in a state where **half of the water use of the average household is on landscaping.** As Colorado’s population grows and water supplies become more stressed, xeriscaping will continue to be a key way for homeowners to save water. For more than 10 years, the Garden-In-A-Box program has been a huge success in the Front Range and is expected to sell-out early.

The CRC provides xeriscape gardens with plants chosen for our region’s dry conditions. The designs are filled with vibrant flowers and eye pleasing textures, while maintaining low water needs. **Xeriscape gardens require less than half the water of bluegrass lawns** and, according to Colorado Water Wise, can increase property values by up to 15%.

A repeat Garden-In-A-Box customer, Maureen Taylor says, “With a GIAB, all you have to know is whether your site is in the sun or shade. The gardens are literally turn-key; all you need is the land. The headache is gone. “

This year’s innovative designs, the Morning Sunrise, Western Horizon and Shady Jubilee, have some of the Front Range’s most reliable perennials. Plants such as Purple Veronica, Ladies Mantle, and Poppy Mallow are hearty, drought tolerant, and can withstand some of the poorest soils. For photos of these gardens, please go to gardenstore.conservationcenter.org. The Garden-In-A-Box kit provides the plants and professionally developed, easy-to-follow planting and care instructions. The CRC sells drip irrigation kits and control clocks to go with the gardens. Gardens cost between \$99 and \$134, depending on the design chosen. **Residents of Lafayette are eligible for a \$25 discount at the time of purchase thanks to partnerships between CRC and the local water municipality.**

Gardens can be ordered online at Gardenstore.ConservationCenter.org or by calling 303.999.3820 ext. 222. The gardens will be available to pick-up at the Thomas Open Space Barn (1640 W. Baseline), May 23rd, 3:00-6:00pm. This program is expected to sell out so call now to reserve your garden! CRC is also offering 8 free Water-wise Landscaping Seminars, taught by local experts. This year's topics range from "Xeriscaping for Beginners" to "Creating a Lush Xeriscape". Registration is now open for the seminars at www.conservationcenter.org or 303.999.3820 ext. 217.

About the CRC:



www.ConservationCenter.org

Founded in 1976, the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Each year, the CRC empowers more than 30,000 individuals to conserve natural resources and to live a more sustainable life through educational programs and services designed to help members of our community conserve water and energy and minimize waste.