

Proposed Policies Water Conservation through Landscaping

Goal	Important	Strike	Consequences	Modifications/Comments
Promote the conservation of water supplies through the use of landscape and site design that can have a beneficial effect upon water conservation.				
Policy				
1. Review the County's existing Landscaping regulations for changes that would improve water conservation. Revisions should contemplate modified landscaping options based on soil types, water source, available water supplies, and climate zones across Jefferson County.				
2. Consider landscaping regulations for single-family residential as well as non-residential and multi-family uses.				
3. Provide for the protection of and installation of native vegetation.				
4. Create an approved plant list to encourage native species and plants that use less water.				
5. In the Mountain Ground Water Overlay District, any new developments served by groundwater should use plant materials that will not require irrigation once established.				
6. Limit turf areas associated with development. Create a standard for moderate and low water use turf. Areas of native or naturalized grasses should be exempt from these limits.				
7. Streetscapes should utilize xeric plants over traditional turfgrass.				
8. Increase the percentage of landscape area that can be covered with non-living, permeable landscape material.				
9. Encourage efficient irrigation systems that eliminate run-off from landscaped areas, use water efficient fixtures (such as rain sensors, master valves, and flow sensors), and incorporate non-potable water.				
10. Water features should recycle water and be designed to reduce evaporation.				
11. Encourage landscape design that groups plant materials which require similar amounts of water to maximize irrigation efficiency.				