## WATER CONSERVATION IN LANDSCAPE.

## ... Conserving Water For Today and Tomorrow

Water. What a precious resource! Everyday Upper Trinity Regional Water District works to protect our water. . . to safeguard the quality . . . to conserve this limited resource . . . and to be sure we have enough. Keeping landscapes healthy requires water, often lots of it. Therefore, it is important to keep water conservation principles in mind when creating a design and when selecting plants and materials to enhance the landscape. We believe that every person can help sustain this vital resource for future generations.

As a demonstration project for customer entities, Upper Trinity maintains a Water Conservation Garden to showcase the beauty and practicality of water-conserving landscape. Located adjacent to Upper Trinity's administrative headquarters, the garden uses earth-friendly techniques to create a beautiful outdoor landscape that is in harmony with our north Texas environment.

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The Water Conservation Garden includes more than 100 varieties of plants that are either native to Texas or are well adapted to the area. The plants and garden practices allow the landscape to thrive under drought conditions, and attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Native and adaptive plants use less water and require less fertilizer. As a bonus, there is no need to apply harmful chemicals - - thus, both conserving water and safeguarding water qual-

The Water Conservation Garden also includes a wetland area: Wetlands are a crucial part of the environment, serving as water retention basins and acting as a filter to remove harmful water contaminants.

By appointment, the Water Conservation Garden is available for use by Upper Trinity Members and Customers, garden clubs, developers and other civic groups who have a desire to advance their knowledge and use of water conservation practices in home and business landscapes. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call 972-219-1228 or visit Upper Trinity's website at www.utrwd.com for more conservation tips.