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DWU Offers Water-Wise Landscape Seminars for Dallas Residents *Free seminars feature prominent local landscape designer*

DALLAS – Dallas Water Utilities (DWU), City of Dallas Stormwater Management and Mountain View College are encouraging local garden enthusiasts “to plan before you plant.” Two free, half-day Water-Wise landscaping seminars will be held Saturday, September 19 at Mountain View College, providing information on how to save water, time and money. Both seminars will feature Bonnie Reese, local landscape designer and author, who will address the following topics:

- **Water-Wise Landscape Design 101 (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.):** For those with new landscaping or those looking to update, this seminar will focus on the basics of smart landscape design and how to create a beautiful landscape with little or no supplemental watering.
- **Fantastic Plants for North Texas (1:30 to 5 p.m.):** Focuses on quality native or adapted plants that are widely available and thrive naturally in North Texas.

The first 50 attendees at each session will receive a copy of Ms. Reese’s book, “Common-Sense Landscaping.” A drawing for one free rain barrel will be held at the end of both the morning and afternoon seminars.

Reese is well known for her efforts promoting Water-Wise methods, and has designed many landscapes in Dallas, including the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden at the White Rock Pump Station.

One of the main principles of Xeriscape is the use of plants that are native or adapted to our region, which can handle the North Texas heat while requiring less water and maintenance.

“Since as much as 50-70 percent of water use is on yards and gardens, it’s important to offer our customers ways to landscape efficiently and still keep their gardens and lawns lush,” said DWU Conservation Program Manager Carole Davis. “We encourage people to take advantage of these free seminars to help them learn how to conserve water and save on their water bills.”

Through better management of their water use behaviors, Dallas residents have saved an estimated 90 billion gallons of water since 2001. For more information on the seminars and to register online go to www.SaveDallasWater.com or call the Dallas Water Utilities Conservation Hotline between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (214) 670-3155.

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About City of Dallas Water Utilities - City of Dallas Water Utilities and its *Save Dallas Water* campaign strives to raise awareness about water conservation by providing local citizens with facts and information to encourage conservation at all levels of our community. The main goals of the Water Conservation Division are to extend the life of existing water supplies, reduce water waste and per capita consumption. To find out more information on City of Dallas Water Utilities Conservation programs please visit www.SaveDallasWater.com.