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## **Water-Wise Landscape Tour showcases beautiful yards that use little water** *18 Dallas area landscape sites featured during 16<sup>th</sup> annual event*

**WHAT:** 16<sup>th</sup> annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour

**WHEN:** **Saturday, June 5, 2010** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** 18 Dallas area locations – view [2010 Water-Wise Landscape Tour Map](#)

**MORE:** Water-wise landscaping focuses on the use of plants that are native to North Texas or adapted to our climate. These plants naturally thrive in our summer heat with little supplemental watering. 2010 marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year of the popular Water-Wise Landscape Tour which will feature 18 landscape sites throughout the Dallas area.

“During the summer, our residents frequently use more than 50 percent of the city’s drinking water on lawns and landscaping. To help reduce outdoor use, Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) wants to show residents that beautiful landscaping and water conservation can go hand-in-hand,” said Carole Davis, DWU conservation program manager. “The Water-Wise Landscape Tour demonstrates that residents can ‘go green by saving blue,’ and keep their yards looking great while saving water time, money and energy.”

The annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour is a self-guided, free tour showcasing the best of the best North Texas water-wise landscapes. Guests can choose their own route and visit as many landscapes as they like. Tour maps can be downloaded at [www.savedallaswater.com](http://www.savedallaswater.com) or picked up at one of the three tour headquarters:

- **Central Headquarters:** White Rock Pump Station, 2900 White Rock Road, Dallas, 75214
- **North Headquarters:** Les Lacs Linear Park, 3901 Beltway Drive, Addison, 75001
- **South Headquarters:** Kiest Park Recreation Center, 3012 South Hampton Road, Dallas 752

Each of the tour headquarters will serve as the site of “MicroTalks” where attendees can learn how to apply water-wise techniques to their own landscapes. The free 15-minute “MicroTalks” will be taught every hour on the hour by the Dallas County Master Gardeners.

The Water-Wise Landscape Tour is hosted by Dallas Water Utilities, City of Dallas Storm Water Management, Texas AgriLife Extension, the Dallas County Master Gardeners and the Town of Addison.

Saving water outdoors is a key element of DWU’s plan to ensure there is an ample supply of water for future generations. Since the implementation of the *Save Dallas Water* campaign, Dallas residents’ efforts have saved an estimated 98 billion gallons of water since 2001. The annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour helps to give Dallas residents the information and motivation they need to continue saving water and provides them with the knowledge that every drop counts.