



HOME GARDENING PROGRAM FOCUSES ON WISE WATER USE

Drought has become a way of life. Even a moderately dry summer forces local water consumers to reexamine how they use precious water resources.

Water shortages are particularly problematic for home gardeners, who rely on water to keep lawns and ornamental plants alive. To help gardeners manage their landscape with limited resources, North Carolina Cooperative Extension offers “Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods.”

Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods is a landscaping program designed to teach people simple strategies to efficiently maintain their landscapes and protect the environment at the same time.

The program focuses on helping gardeners choose the right plants for their landscape according to soil and sun conditions, and then prepare the soil properly to hold moisture. Using plants that fit the site helps cut down on the need to water, as these are plants adapted to our dry, hot summers. In addition, gardeners will learn strategies to keep their yards healthy, conserve water, manage pests, and protect our local water supplies.

Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods will be taught at the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in Hickory on Tuesday, April 5 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The class is free, but registration is requested. To register or for more information, contact NC Cooperative Extension at 465-8240.

