

Nominations Sought for 2020 WaterSmart Landscape Awards

Do you know of a local resident or commercial property with a landscape that exemplifies what it means to be WaterSmart? -OR- Have *you* worked hard to create your own landscape that follows WaterSmart principles? If the answer is 'YES!' then consider submitting a nomination for a 2020 WaterSmart Landscape Award! If *your* landscape is WaterSmart, don't be shy; nominate *your own* landscape for consideration!

Since 2016, one residential and one commercial property has been chosen to receive a WaterSmart Landscape Award. The goal of this award program is to increase awareness of the importance of water conservation in the landscape and to recognize those in the community that have made great strides towards that effort.

A WaterSmart Landscape involves more than just watering plants correctly - it is actually the combination of several gardening principles that *together* create a landscape that not only conserves water but is creative and beautiful as well. The principles of a WaterSmart Landscape include:

- Planning and Design
- Soil Preparation
- Right Plants in the Right Place
- Practical Turf Areas
- Efficient Irrigation
- Proper Mulch
- Proper Maintenance

For details about WaterSmart landscaping principles, visit www.watersmarthays.com

To nominate a WaterSmart Landscape for consideration simply fill out and submit the attached form no later than **June 12, 2020** to Holly Dickman, Water Conservation Specialist.* Finalists will be contacted to schedule an on-site visit. Winners will be notified by July 6th and will be presented with a landscape plaque and a certificate during a regularly scheduled Hays City Commission meeting in July.



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**Submit nomination form to Holly Dickman, Water Conservation Specialist, 1002 Vine St., Hays, KS 67601
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2020 WaterSmart Landscape Award Nomination Form

*Please fill out and submit this nomination form no later than June 12, 2020**

Nomination requirements:

- Landscape must exemplify WaterSmart Landscaping
- The nominee must be within the city limits of Hays, KS
- The selected WaterSmart Landscape must be visible to the Public
- The WaterSmart Landscape must have been installed at least one year prior to nomination to show healthy establishment and proper care.

Nominee Name: _____

Property Type: Residential ___ Commercial ___ **Landscape Area:** Front ___ Side ___ All ___

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **E-mail:** _____

WATERSMART NOMINEE CHECKLIST (please mark an "X" in the appropriate boxes)	YES	NO	I DON'T KNOW
Landscape exhibits good planning and design?			
Soil preparation has occurred?			
Plants are suited for this area and placed well? (i.e. mature size taken into consideration)			
Turfgrass area is practical? (i.e. warm-season grasses are used where possible and narrow strips avoided)			
Irrigation is efficient? (i.e. drip irrigation, use of rain barrels, etc.)			
Organic mulch is used properly around plants?			
Landscape is well maintained and healthy?			

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