

Learn how to create a healthy, vibrant landscape without the water waste by attending a class hosted at the Avondale City Hall building, 11465 W. Civic Center Drive) unless otherwise noted. **Advanced registration is required, as space is limited and class can be canceled due to low registration.** Please register at eavila@avondale.org or by calling Esmie Avila at 623.333.4422.



2016 SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE CLASSES

Wednesday, January 13th **The Nature of Design; creating water and energy efficient landscapes**
10 am – 12:30 pm *Location: MOSC

Looking for advice on landscape design and/or small space renovations? This class will focus on landscape design that work for arid regions and will include easy and proper plant placement and water harvesting techniques. Each attendee will leave with a good start on their specific landscape design.

Speaker: Jo Miller, Master Gardener, Certified Sustainable Building Advisor

Wednesday, January 20th **Vegetable Gardening**
6 – 8:30 pm

Take advantage of this timely workshop to get your garden growing and learn strategies to overcome the challenges of our environment. Class will cover planting seasons and watering.

Speaker: Kirti Mathura, Horticulturist, Garden Author and Master Gardener

Thursday, January 28th **Plant Propagation**
6 – 8:30 pm

Horticulturalist Kirti Mathura will show you techniques for propagating plants, including how to collect and sow seeds, divide specialized structures and take cuttings to enhance your garden and save money.

Speaker: Kirti Mathura, Horticulturist, Garden Author and Master Gardener

Wednesday, February 3rd **Landscape watering by the numbers**
6 – 8:30 pm

If you're mystified about landscape watering, you're not alone. Watering efficiently is the easiest way to reduce your water bill. You'll discover the importance and details of soil preparation and how to overcome the challenges of our environment

Speaker: Cathy Rymer, Master Gardener, Horticulturist, Certified Irrigation Auditor

Wednesday, February 17th **Pruning trees and shrubs**
6 – 8:30 pm

This introductory class covers the basics of pruning to keep your green investments healthy, functional and looking great. Learn the art and science of good pruning, including how to prune young trees for good structure. After this class, you will be ready to prune your trees and shrubs with confidence.

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Thursday, February 25th Butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden

6 – 8:30 pm

Hummingbirds and Butterflies to Your Yard: Residential landscapes can be great wildlife habitat. If you are interested in beautiful blooms that attract hummingbirds and butterflies, this class is for you. We'll explore the numerous options for a colorful yard that is also water thrifty. The bonus is that you will attract nature's pollinators. Depending on the time of year and what you plant, you can attract different types of hummingbirds, moths, and butterflies. Arizona is lucky to have a diverse array of plants and wildlife.

Speaker: Kirti Mathura, Horticulturist, Garden Author and Master Gardener

Thursday, March 10th Irrigation basics

6 – 8:30 pm

A properly designed and installed irrigation system uses the least amount of water while keeping plants healthy. Unfortunately, most of us keep whatever system the builder or previous owner installed, and too often that means a system that performs poorly and uses too much water. Learn how to identify and correct problems and maximize the efficiency of your irrigation without having to replace your old system.

Speaker: Jonathan Manning, Certified Arborist, Tree farmer at Elgin Tree Farm

Thursday, March 24th Desert plant care

6 – 8:30 pm

Are you frustrated with your landscape? You're not alone. Many of us are unsure how to grow plants in the low desert's alkaline soil and challenging climate. Come learn what plants need to flourish here and how to keep them happy and healthy including, fertilizing and controlling weeds, pests and diseases.

Speaker: Cathy Rymer, Master Gardener, Horticulturist, Certified Irrigation Auditor

Thursday, March 31, Fruit trees in the desert

6 – 8:30 pm

From exotic to native fruits this class describes over 20 different types of fruit in detail. Discussion will cover water, fertilizer, pollination, fruit thinning and planting tips.

Speaker: Jonathan Manning, Certified Arborist, Tree farmer at Elgin Tree Farm

Save the Date for the [Salt River Project Water Expo](#) on March 5, 2016 and **save up to 80% on the cost of a Smart Irrigation Controller!** Avondale water customers are eligible for an additional [rebate](#).

And

The SRP Shade Tree Event on Saturday, March 19, 2015. Event will be hosted at the Avondale City Hall building/ Council Chambers, located at 11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Avondale, AZ 85323. Please register at <http://www.savewithsrp.com/RD/shadetrees.aspx>

*MOSC – City of Avondale Municipal Operations Service Center, 399 E. Lower Buckeye Road, Avondale, AZ 85323

