



2017 LANDSCAPE CLASSES



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.

Water Conservation

Thursday, January 19th

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 26th

Butterfly Gardens

6 – 8:30 pm

What could be more enchanting than colorful butterflies fluttering through your garden? Discover habitat needs and the best plants to incorporate into your landscape for attracting adult butterflies, as well as plants that allow them to complete their life cycle.

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

Thursday, February 2nd

Pruning Basics

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.

Speaker: Cathy Rymer, Master Gardener, Certified Arborist

Thursday, February 16th

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

Thursday, February 23rd

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

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Thursday, March 9th Irrigation parts and repair

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 16th The Nature of Design; creating water and energy efficient landscapes

6 – 8:30 pm

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, Author and Certified Sustainable Building Advisor

Thursday, April 6th Plant Survival 101

6 – 8:30 pm

Come learn how to maintain healthy plants, includes pruning tips and a pruning schedule specific to desert plants.

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

Thursday, April 13th Trees for small arid yards

6 – 8:30 pm

Learn names of some trees you see all over town. See some selections that tolerate Arizona heat, are water efficient, and fit the spot you've picked out.

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