

Stunning Landscapes Win Awards



The Zeigler's front yard before makeover.

The Zeigler's landscape includes a wide array of drought tolerant plants that provide year round blooms with vibrant splashes of magenta and coral geraniums, bright yellow yarrow, and Russian Blue Sage lining the flagstone walkway. Clusters of white Alyssum flowers contrast with bright red and green hues of Aeoniums, sediums, and Kangaroo Paws, delivering a beautiful backdrop for the river rock bed flowing through their yard.

The Zeigler's plant selection also includes a variety of butterfly and bee friendly choices such as Red Sage, "Desert Blaze" Salvia, "Hot Raspberry" Butterfly Bush, and Lion's Tale mixed in with traditional landscape favorites such as Lantanas, Geraniums and Star Jasmin. The Zeiglers were so thrilled with how their front yard turned out that they already started working on their backyard.

Congratulations to Robin and Mike Zeigler and Beverley Woodworth for their winning entries in the popular WaterSmart landscape contest. For the past eight years, Vista Irrigation District has joined other local agencies to hold the WaterSmart landscape contest with the goal of providing inspiration for other homeowners to transition to WaterSmart landscapes. These customers' stunning transformations show how beautiful water wise gardens can be when combined with other landscape features.

Robin and Mike Zeigler received the "Best in District" award. It was important to the Zeiglers to be water smart with their landscaping choices during a comprehensive landscape and irrigation upgrade. After taking a free WaterSmart Landscape workshop last spring, the Zeiglers used their knowledge to make over their monotone front lawn to a colorful garden reminiscent of their favorite European gardens.



The Zeigler's transformed WaterSmart landscape.



Beverley Woodworth's water-wise garden.

The Woodworths, who received honorable mention in the contest, wanted to get rid of their front lawn, which took too much time, effort and expense to water. The Woodworths took advantage of Waterwise courses at the San Diego Botanical Gardens and rebates from the San Diego County Water Authority to transform their landscape to a lush garden that reminds them of their favorite hiking spots. Understanding the components of a water-wise watering system and basic landscape design elements helped give them confidence to follow through with their landscape makeover, which includes a decomposed granite pathway surrounded by California Native Roses, Matilija Poppies, and Gravilla.

With the majority of residential water use going to watering landscapes, homeowners are looking for ways to cut back. By showcasing their attractive landscapes, these District customers provide other homeowners great ideas for reducing their own water use. For more information about the contest and WaterSmart landscaping ideas, visit www.landscapecontest.com. Visit the District's web site (www.vidwater.org/water-conservation) for information about the free WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Program.



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WINTER WATER EFFICIENCY TIPS

Shorter daylight hours and cooler weather mean lawns and gardens need less water. Below are winter water use efficiency tips:



Do not irrigate within 48 hours of rainfall.



Water in early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation and wind interference.



Customize your watering schedule to the weather and your plants' watering needs using a landscape water calculator such as the one found at www.bewaterwise.com/calculator.html.



Turn on your irrigation system to check for leaks, over-spray, water pressure issues and broken components, and fix them promptly.

Browse San Diego County Water Authority's WaterSmart website (www.watersmartsd.org) for great tips on living a WaterSmart lifestyle and find helpful water efficient practices for the winter and all year long.

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