



## Landscaping Water Reduction Tips: Decorative Gravel, Mulch, Xeriscaping, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Did you know that the average American family uses 50% of its total water on landscaping? Maintaining a beautiful landscape can cause your water bill to skyrocket during the summer months, especially in the dry climate areas of Utah.

You can reduce your landscape water consumption by establishing a watering schedule, choosing native plants, and **landscaping with decorative gravel or mulch**. Other [landscaping water reduction tips](#) include replacing water hogging elements like grass with xeriscape landscaping materials that require less maintenance and water. You don't have to sacrifice a beautiful landscape to use less water. The landscaping experts at Staker Parson Companies shared how you can beautify and simplify your landscape using the following **landscaping water reduction tips**.

- **Establish a watering schedule for different soil types**

Different types of soil require different types of watering. Sandy soil requires deeper watering which should be done for longer periods of time but less frequently. Clay soil is the opposite, requiring short intervals of water more frequently. Water consumption can also be reduced by leaving grass at a longer length. Grass should be 2.5" in length to reduce water evaporation and promote deeper root growth, resulting in less water needed.

- **Choose plants native to your area and group by water consumption**

Plants that are native to your area have a higher survival rate, use less water than other popular plants, are just as attractive and require less maintenance. Plants should also be grouped together based on the amount of water they need. Place high water consuming plants close together and lower water consuming plants close together; adjust sprinklers accordingly.

- **Landscape with decorative gravel, bark, and mulch to reduce water consumption and decrease maintenance**

Simply put, xeriscaping is a waterwise landscaping strategy that reduces the water hogging elements in your landscape and replaces them with water efficient landscape elements to save water. Your grass is the number one water consumer in your landscape, so why not reduce the amount of grass in your yard? You don't have to eliminate grass altogether, but you can significantly lower your water consumption by removing some grass and other traditional elements in your landscape and designing new xeriscaped areas.

Creating a xeriscaped landscape to reduce water and decrease maintenance is as simple as tearing up the existing grass and replacing the areas with landscaped beds designed with mulch, gravel, landscape boulders and native plants. Installing a quality landscape fabric/weed barrier underneath decorative gravel, bark, or mulch beds significantly reduces the growth of weeds and corresponding maintenance.

Staker Parson Companies has landscape centers that serve the areas of Salt Lake City, Spanish Fork, Lehi, and Ogden, Utah. They offer the landscaping products you need to create a beautiful xeriscape that saves you money by reducing your water consumption. Using less water doesn't mean you should have to sacrifice a colorful and beautiful landscape. Staker Parson Companies offers over 60 options of products you can use to create a [waterwise landscape with mulch or decorative gravel](#). For more information and other landscape product ideas, please visit [www.stakerparson.com](http://www.stakerparson.com).