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WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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**WATER DISTRICT HOSTS FREE COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE WORKSHOPS**

Nearly two dozen water-wise landscape workshops are hosted by Washington County Water Conservancy District annually. The workshops, which are free and open to the public, cover a wide variety of topics taught by local landscape experts.

Workshops are scheduled from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Dr. The balance of 2014 workshops include:

July 12	Dealing with pests in your landscape
July 19	Container planting
August 9	Fall vegetable gardening
August 23	Fall vegetable gardening (repeat)
September 13	Cooking with homegrown produce
September 23	Reviving your landscape in fall
November 8	Planting bulbs

Other workshops, typically scheduled in the spring, provide information on turf alternatives, water-efficient irrigation systems, landscape design and more.

“The topics of our landscape workshops are very diverse, but the message is always the same – we need to use our water wisely,” said Julie Gillins, conservation manager for Washington County Water Conservancy District. “Educating our community members about proper irrigation techniques and best management practices for landscapes and gardens makes a difference in our water use.”

Approximately 60 percent of Washington County’s water is used outdoors, making outdoor conservation practices a top priority for the district. “We can all do more to use water more efficiently,” said Gillins.

Simple tips for local homeowners include:

- Observe time of day watering ordinances and only water between 8 p.m and 8 a.m.
- Sign up for a free landscape check by calling the district at 435.673.3617
- Avoid everyday irrigations by watering deep and less frequently
- Repair and replace broken sprinkler heads and drip lines
- Adjust sprinkler heads to avoid overspray.

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More conservation tips and additional information on the district’s free landscape workshops are available online at [wcwcd.org](http://wcwcd.org).

***About Washington County Water Conservancy District***

Washington County Water Conservancy District, a not-for-profit public agency, was established in 1962 to manage Southern Utah’s regional water needs. The district oversees the development, stabilization, management, acquisition and conservation of water resources in Washington County in an ongoing effort to provide a safe, sustainable water supply for current and future generations. Visit [www.wcwcd.org](http://www.wcwcd.org) for more information.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Casey Jones, horticulturist for Washington County Water Conservancy District, instructs local residents on proper planting techniques and water needs of new vegetation.