

WATER WISE WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

3/4 – Intro to SpokaneScape: Why Save Water?



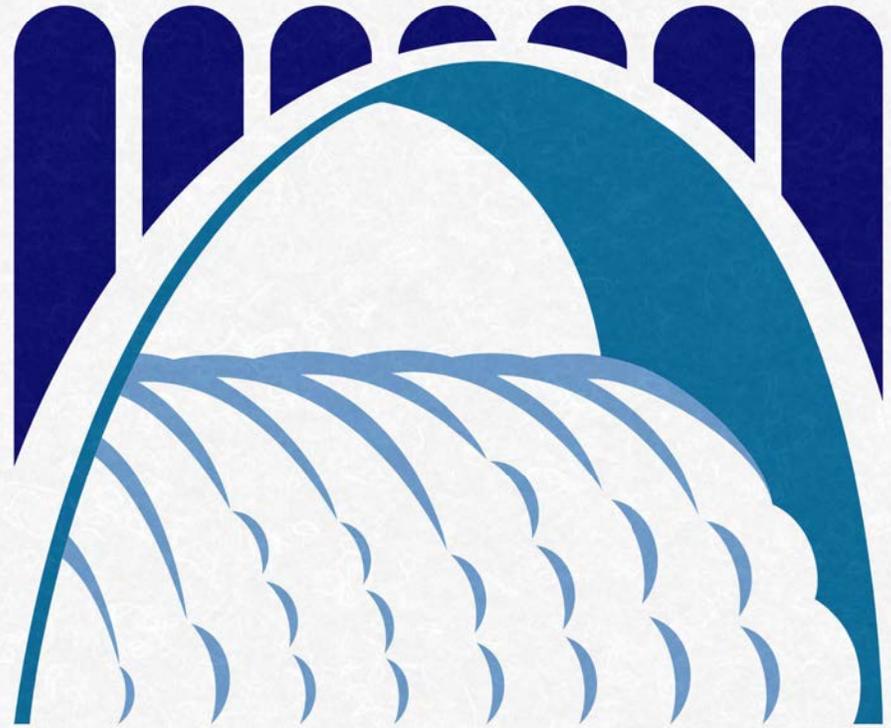
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coming!*



**Cathy
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Landscape
Architect



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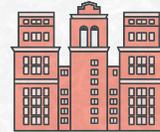
Education and Outreach



Residential Efficiency Check Ups



Water Saving Rebates



Commercial Efficiency Assistance



SpokaneScape

- ✔ **SpokaneScape: The What and the Why**
- ✔ **Eligibility and Requirements**
- ✔ **Application Process**
- ✔ **Helpful Resources**
- ✔ **Community Updates and Impact**



What is SpokaneScape?





Reward!
50 cents
per sqft up
to \$500

SpokaneScape

The practice of replacing grass lawns with native and water wise plants to create an aesthetically pleasing landscape design that both saves water and enriches the local ecosystem.





Before



After



Before



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After



Before



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Why Save Water and Why SpokaneScape?



Why Save Water?



Protect the River

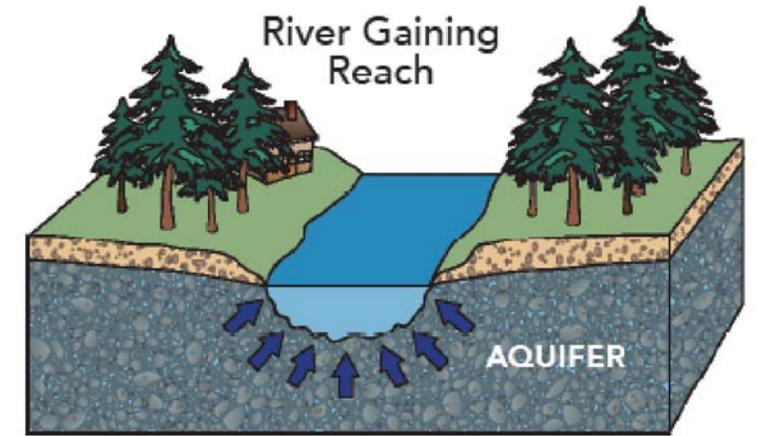


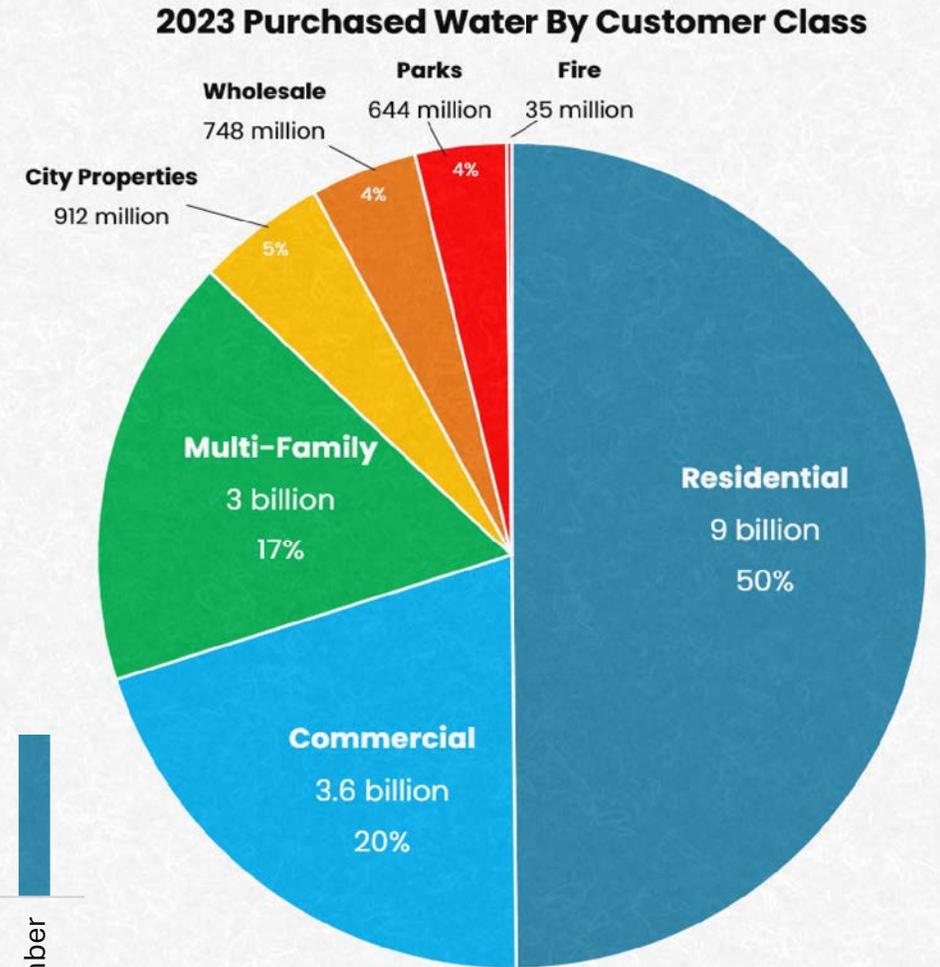
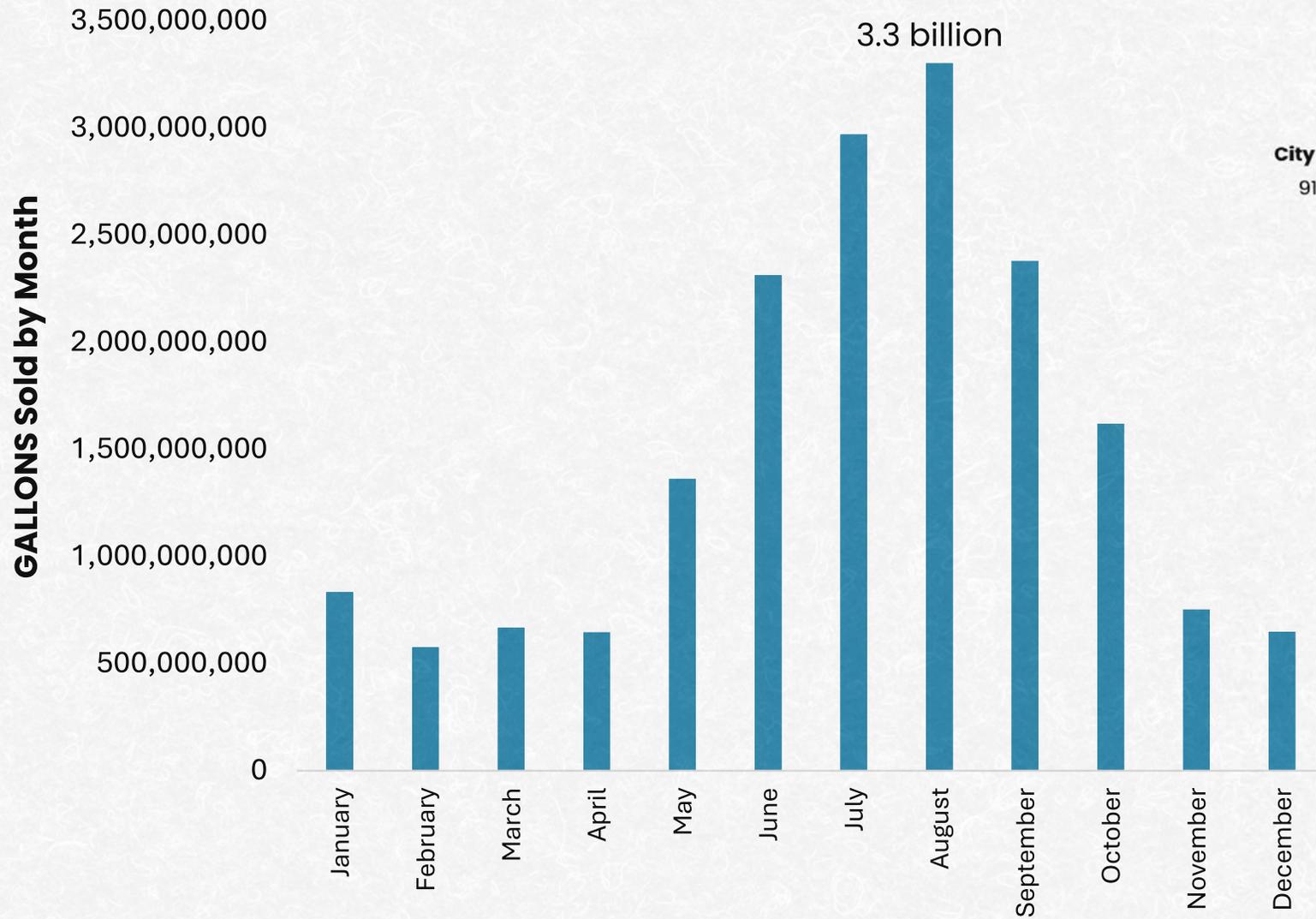
Figure 2: Water flows into the river through the bottom or through springs on the banks of the river.



Figure 3: In these areas the water seeps out of the bottom of the river and recharges the SVRP aquifer.



Why SpokaneScape?





Water Use in the City of Spokane

Outdoor watering of lawns and gardens makes up approximately 83% of average home water use in Spokane

Where do We Use Water the Most?



Data is representative of average consumption; your water use may vary.





- 16.5" precipitation per year in Spokane
- Grass needs 1.5" per week (48" – 72" per year)

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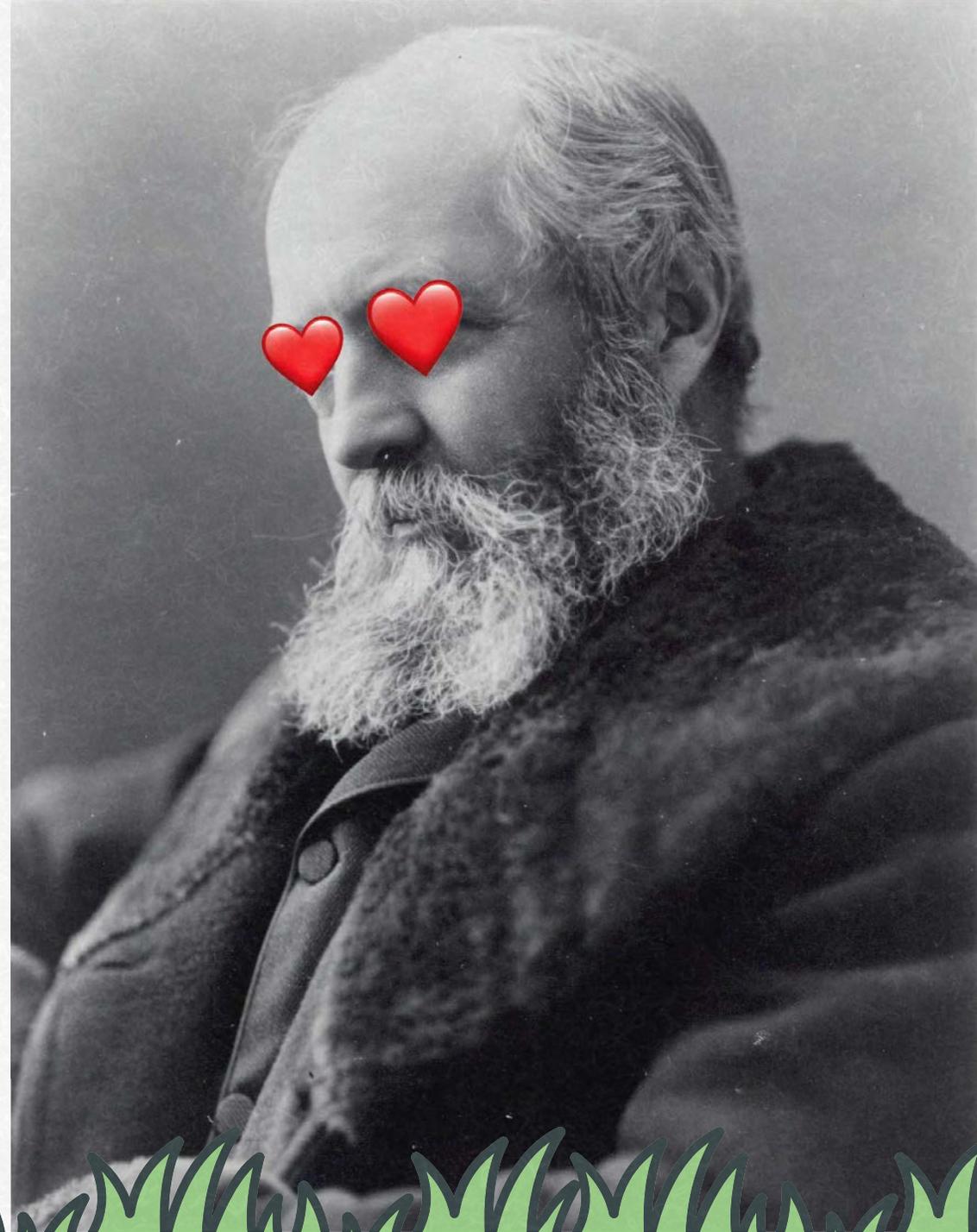


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Loved grass.



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- Late 1800's
- Inspired by the lawns of grand English estates
- Envisioned lawns as uninterrupted carpet between homes



Lotta Lawn

- 40 million acres of domestic lawns in the US
- 75% of US households have a grass lawn of some kind
- Nothing like it in the animal kingdom



Point:

We can do something better with our square footage of land that functions harmoniously within our environment and supports our ecology.



Sustainable Landscaping

SpokaneScape is a water efficient landscape that has been designed specifically for our unique climate in the Inland Northwest. It's a landscape that works for where you live.



Designed for Spokane



Curb Appeal



Lower Maintenance



Water Efficient



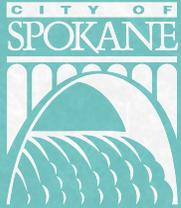


Eligibility and Requirements



Eligibility

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**Must be a City of Spokane
Water Department Customer**

2



Project is visible from the street

3



**Project has at least 300 square feet of lawn to be
replaced with native and drought tolerant plants**



Requirements



Replace existing grass with native / drought tolerant plants



50% Plant Coverage of Project Area



Mulch depth of 4" – 6"

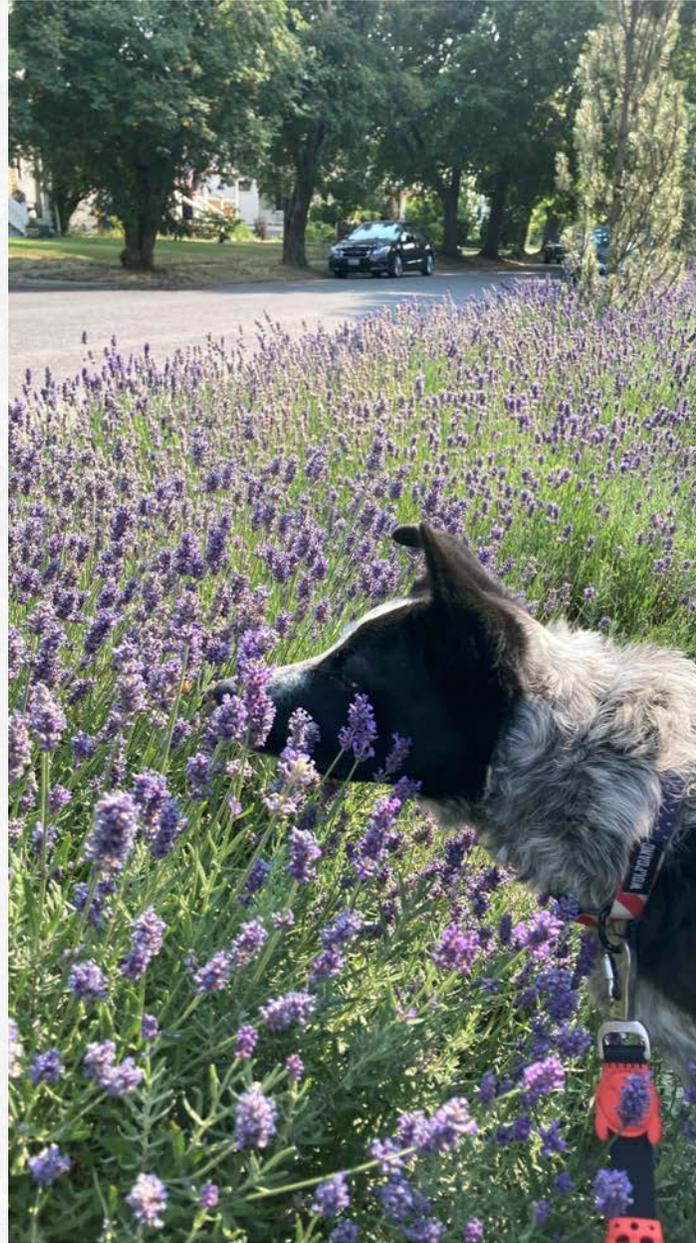


Efficient watering method



Permeable surfaces & treatments





Why native plants?

- Over the past century the U.S. has lost 150 million acres of habitat and farmland to urbanization which isn't equipped to support functioning ecosystems
- Native plants occur naturally in the region they evolved and are the ecological foundation of life
- Local insects evolved with these native plants and rely on them specifically for food
- **Doug Tallamy Eastern US Example**
Native Oak trees support 500 species of caterpillars where Ginko trees only support 5
- Low maintenance and beautiful
- Don't need and dislike fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides
- Conserve water and support wildlife

Why we require 50% plant coverage

- **Treat water:** plants act as a filter and reduce the amount of pollutants that would otherwise be going into our river or aquifer
- **Improve air quality** by removing and trapping pollutants from the air
- **Help with water run-off:** the leaves slow the flow of rain water to the ground allowing it to be absorbed rather than run off into the streets
- Help control and prevent **erosion**
- Shade the soil which helps **lower temps**
- Promote healthy living soils
- Attract and **provide habitat** for birds and beneficial insects
- **Add value** to your property





YEAR
SLEEP 1



YEAR
CREEP 2



YEAR
LEAP 3

Mulch Types

Wood Chips



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Rocks



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Compost





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Wood Chips



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Compost



Pine Needles





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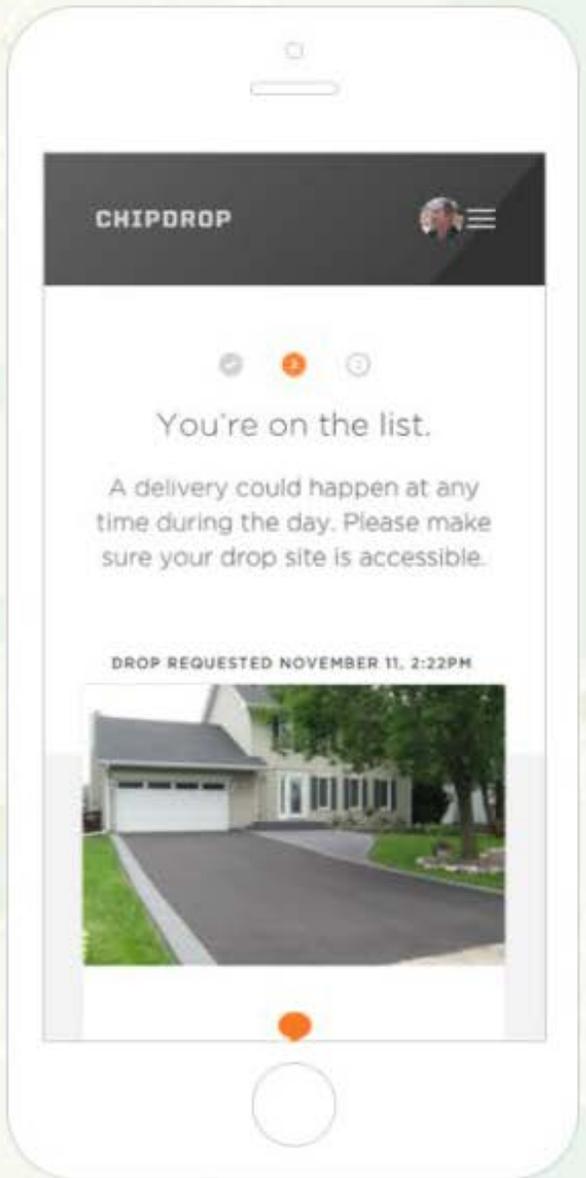
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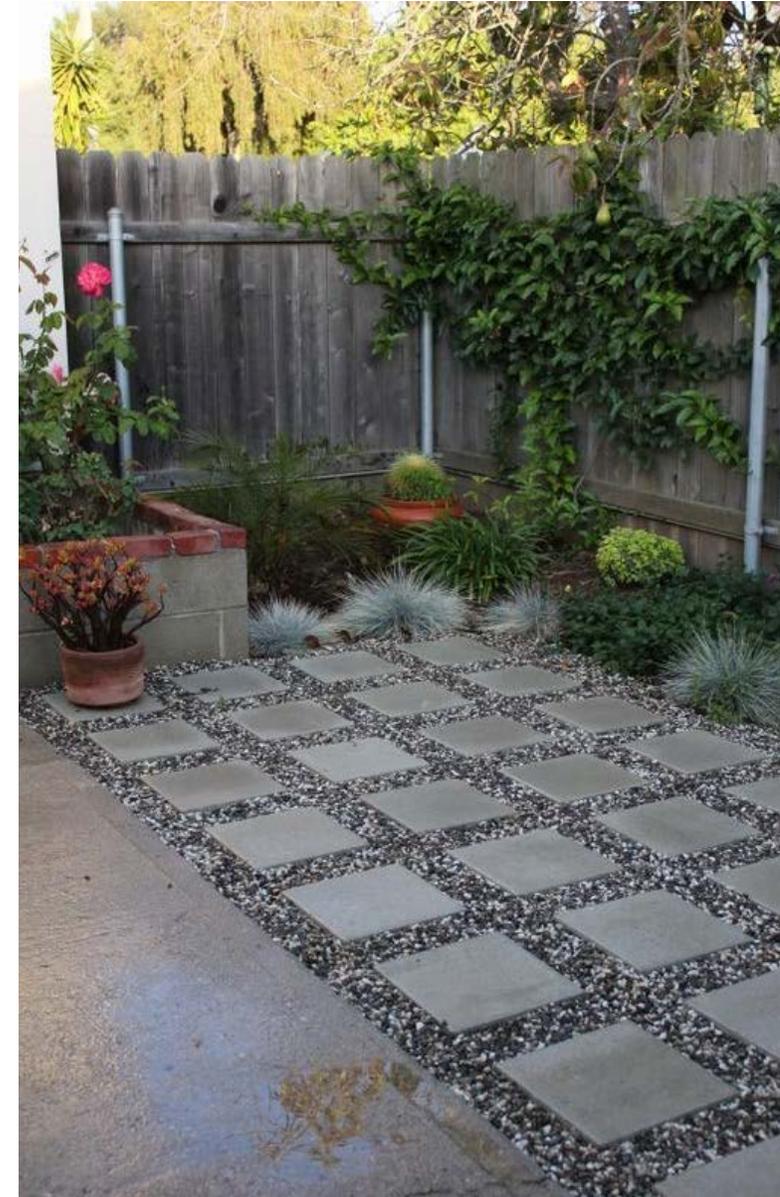


Hand Watering





Permeable Paver Examples



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SPOKANESCAPE RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY, TERMS & CONDITIONS

Applicant Eligibility:

1. Rebates are for City of Spokane RESIDENTIAL water customers that are in good standing with the Agency.
2. Renters must obtain a permission form signed by the property owner in order to receive the rebate.
3. Rebates are offered on a first come first serve basis and are subject to available funds. Future funding will be dependent upon approval of annual budget.
4. The property can only receive one "SpokaneScape" Rebate per year.

Terms & Conditions:

1. **Qualifying Areas:** The property must have turf visible from a public street/area. If you have already completed a SpokaneScape or xeric style project in the front yard, backyards can be eligible.
2. **Areas to Convert:** Do not start killing or removing lawn prior to receiving approval. Staff can verify the presence of lawn through Google Maps, the City's GIS system or an on-site visit.
3. **HOA/CC&R:** Prior to submitting a rebate application, applicants must have obtained any necessary approvals for their lawn replacement project from their HOA/CC&R board.
4. **Incentive Amounts:** \$0.50 per square foot. Maximum Rebate: \$500. Must remove a minimum of 300 square feet with exceptions for right of way parking strips.
5. **Site Description:** Applicants are required to submit a simple landscape plan which shows the area to be transformed with plant placement and a plant list.

6. **Mandatory Inspections** are necessary to verify site descriptions from the application and adequate completion of the project. Once authorized to begin your SpokaneScape, you have **2 years** to complete your project. Starting without COS approval will make the conversion ineligible for a rebate under this program.
7. **Final Inspection:** As soon as all work is complete, you must contact the Water Conservation Team by email or phone. COS will schedule your mandatory final inspection. Upon verification of program requirements, the inspector will approve your project and a rebate will be issued within 4 to 6 weeks in the form of a credit on your utility bill.
8. **Site Details:** COS staff must be allowed to take photos of landscapes prior to, during, and after being renovated through this Lawn Replacement Program and to use those photos for reproduction or promotional purposes including water consumption history.
9. **Maintenance:** Rebate project must be maintained as a climate appropriate landscape for a minimum of 3 years from the date of the final inspection. If the landscape is not maintained, the City of Spokane reserves the right to order repayment of rebate.
10. **Tax Information:** Applicants receiving \$800 or more in rebates from the City in a calendar year must submit a [W-9](#) form before City issues rebate. The City will send 1099 forms to applicants after December 31 each year. All personal information provided within the W-9 is kept confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables. We recommend contacting your tax professional.

LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONVERTED AREA:

1. **Plants:** 100% of the plant material must be drought tolerant or considered low water use plants. See SpokaneScape Guidebook for rebate approved plants or go to SpokaneScape.org. Exception: This coverage may include production gardens, but only up to half of your required plant coverage.
2. **Plant Coverage:** At completion, converted areas must contain at least 50% living plant cover at maturity.
3. The converted area may not include any live lawn or invasive plant species as identified by the Spokane County Noxious Weed Control Board.
4. **Efficient Irrigation Components:** If a watering system is used, all sprinkler heads in the project area must be removed, capped, or replaced with low volume irrigation (drip, micro-spray, bubblers, or rotary nozzles) and must be equipped with a pressure regulator, filter and emitters if applicable.
5. **Prevent Overspray:** If only part of a lawn is converted, the sprinkler system must be properly modified to provide adequate coverage to the remaining lawn without spraying the converted area. Low volume and high volume irrigation must be on separate valves.
6. **Permeable Surfaces & Treatments:** Converted areas must be permeable to air and water. Eligible surfaces can include ungrouted flagstone or permeable pavers. Concrete, plastic sheeting or other impermeable surfaces do not qualify for incentives under the program.
7. **Mulch:** Exposed soil must be completely covered by a minimum of 4" of mulch. Common mulching materials include wood chips, compost, decomposed granite, river rock, and bark. If a weed barrier is used it must be permeable to air and water.
 - Living groundcovers qualify as mulch provided the plants are installed at a density to assure 100 percent plant cover at maturity.
 - Gravel is not permitted in the planted area. Gravel can only be used in a patio or walking area.
 - Artificial turf is not eligible for rebate.
8. Each site will be considered on a case by case basis for approval of unique circumstances.



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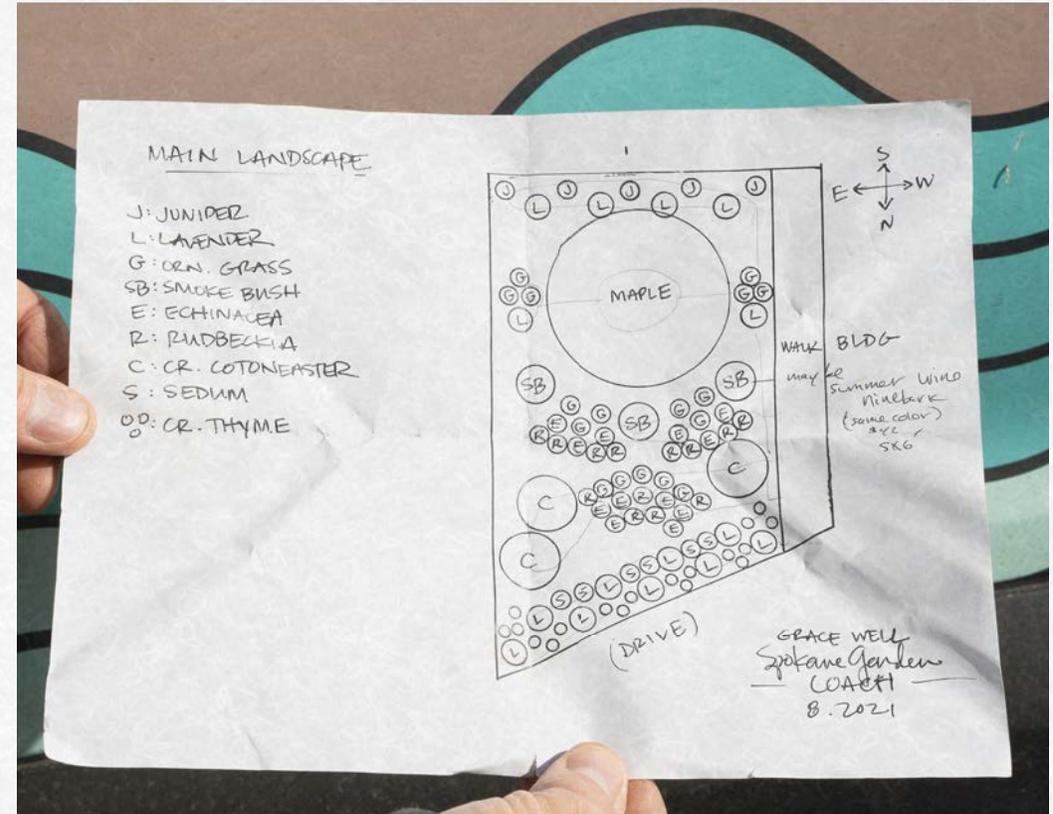
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Idaho Fescue	Yes	5	1.5	2.25	11.25
Potentilla	Yes	3	3	9	27
Little Bluestem	Yes	3	1.5	2.25	6.75
Maiden Grass	Yes	4	5	9	100
Lavender	Yes	3	3	2.25	18
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PLANT LIST & AREA CALCULATION FORM



DIRECTIONS: Use the following chart to calculate your plant coverage.

A. Total lawn area in square feet (sf) to be converted to a SpokaneScape: 1000

B. Your SpokaneScape must have at least 50% plant coverage at maturity, to figure this area divide A. by 2 500
All plants must be drought tolerant- see the SpokaneScape Guidebook for pre-approved plants. Plant areas are also included on the SpokaneScape plant list.

***DO NOT INCLUDE MULCH AREAS OR EXISTING PLANTS IN THE CALCULATOR**

PLANT NAME	LOW-WATER / DROUGHT TOLERANT	QTY	PLANT WIDTH (ft)	PLANT AREA (w x w = sf)	TOTAL PLANT AREA (PLANT AREA x QTY)
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Take 2 photos of your project's lawn



Application Process



2 Apply!

Collect your landscape plan, plant list, two photos, and utility account number and apply!

Application Steps

Sector*

Residential
 Non-Residential

Building Type*

--select an item--

Customer Information

Applicant is*

Owner
 Renter

First Name*

Last Name*

Email*

Phone*

Mailing Street*

Mailing City*

Mailing State*

WA

Mailing Zip*

Where Did you Hear About the Rebate Program?*

Blog or Publication
 Utility Bill
 Social Media (Facebook/Instagram)
 Word of Mouth
 Webinar or Workshop
 Search Engine (Google, Yahoo, Bing)
 Other

Have you participated in the [Water Efficiency Check Up](#) program?

Yes
 No

Have you participated in the [Designer at Your Door](#) Program?

Yes
 No

Site Information

Account Number*

Are Installation & Mailing Address Same?*

No
 Yes

Address*

City*

State*

WA

ZIP Code*

Rebate Information

Total lawn area in square feet (sf) to be converted to a SpokaneScape.*

Total Drought Tolerant Plant Area (sf) from the "Plant List & Area Calculation Form"

Mulch Type

Bark
 Compost
 Wood Chips
 Small Rock (1.5" diameter or less)
 Large Rock (2-3" diameter or larger)
 Leaves
 Pine Needles
 Other

Mulch Depth*

3 (minimum)
 4 (ideal)
 5 (minimum)

Application Review & Pre-Inspection

The following are requirements that **must** be indicated on your application in order to be approved for the program

- I've attached a scaled sketch of my **Landscape Plan**, it includes the name and location of plants.
- I've attached the **Plant List** and **Area Calculations Form** and my project area meets the minimum requirement of 50% plant coverage. 100% of the plant material is drought tolerant or considered low water use plants.
- I've attached/emailed **2 photos** of the existing landscape in the proposed project area.
- The converted area will use low volume irrigation (drip, bubblers or hand-watering).
- Any hardscape in the converted area is permeable.
- Upon submission, you will be redirected to schedule a pre-inspection appointment.**

I Agree*

By participating in the program and accepting the rebates provided, you agree to maintain the converted area as lawn free and reduce your water use. You also thereby release the City of Spokane from any and all claims and causes of action that may arise out of removal of lawn from your property and/or the purchase, installation, and/or use of water efficient devices in connection with this Lawn Replacement Program. If not maintained correctly, installation of drought tolerant plants may not result in reduced water use.

Additional Comments

*- required

3 Pre-Inspection

Following your application submission, you will be prompted to schedule a Pre-Inspection.

A quick Pre-Inspection is required before beginning any lawn removal. It allows Water Wise staff to meet with you on-site, to answer questions regarding your project or the program, and to offer labor and money saving tips and tricks.



4 Installation

Following your Pre-Inspection you will be approved to begin the "Construction Phase" of your SpokaneScape!

You will have 2 years in this "Construction Phase" to complete your project. This time frame should allow you to remove your lawn, purchase plants and mulch materials, and implement that beautiful water saving SpokaneScape.



5 Final Inspection

You did it! Now that the hard work is behind you and your SpokaneScape is 100% complete, contact the Water Wise team to schedule a final inspection. Upon approval, you will be issued a rebate through your City of Spokane utility bill.

Make sure to check out our other rebates to see if you qualify!



Additional Rebate Opportunities

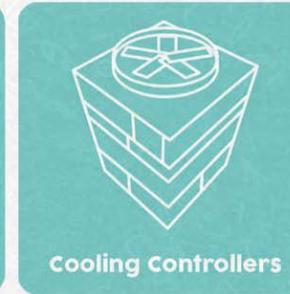
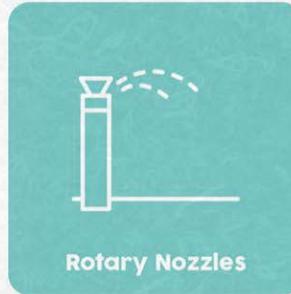
UP TO **\$100**
SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS



UP TO **\$200**
SPRAY- TO-DRIP CONVERSION



UP TO **\$200**
ROTARY NOZZLES



Residential Rebates

Smart Water Monitors

High-Efficiency Toilet

Spray-to-Drip Conversion

Irrigation Controller

Review Terms and Conditions for rebates at **WaterWiseSpokane.org**



Process Recap!



- 1 Prep Work
- 2 Apply!
- 3 Pre-Inspection
- 4 Installation
- 5 Final Inspection



Helpful Resources



Resources: Guidebook

SPOKANESCAPE

The DIY Guide to Water Wise Landscaping

BEFORE

YOUR GRASS IS PAST!

CHOOSE FROM 24 KEYSTONE PLANTS FOR BEST IMPACT

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2024

RIGHT TREE, RIGHT PLACE

Planting trees along our city's parking strips brings a range of benefits. Trees help improve air quality, manage stormwater, reduce temperatures, minimize noise, and support local biodiversity—just to name a few.

STREET TREE CLASSIFICATIONS

The City of Spokane's Street Tree program requires residents to choose specific trees for specific parking strip conditions. Below is a list by class of trees that will qualify for both the Spokanescape program and the street tree program.

Class I Trees used underneath power lines			Class II Trees for parking strips 5-10' wide			Class III Trees for parking strips over 10' wide		
Class	Botanical Name Common Name	Size (W x H)	Class	Botanical Name Common Name	Size (W x H)	Class	Botanical Name Common Name	Size (W x H)
1	Aspen Beech-Fir-Magnolia	10' x 30'	1	Amelanchier Siberian-Serviceberry	30' x 15'	1	Amelanchier Siberian-Serviceberry	30' x 15'
2	Aspen Fir-Sitka Spruce	30' x 30'	2	Amelanchier Siberian-Serviceberry	30' x 15'	2	Amelanchier Siberian-Serviceberry	30' x 15'
3	Aspen Fir-Sitka Spruce	40' x 20'	3	Amelanchier Siberian-Serviceberry	30' x 15'	3	Amelanchier Siberian-Serviceberry	30' x 15'
4	Aspen Fir-Sitka Spruce	50' x 30'	4	Amelanchier Siberian-Serviceberry	30' x 15'	4	Amelanchier Siberian-Serviceberry	30' x 15'

City of Spokane URBAN FORESTRY

WHY SPOKANESCAPE?

On average, Spokane uses 10 billion gallons of water every year and the majority of it goes towards our landscapes. The thing is, traditional grass lawns aren't built for our climate and they need frequent watering to stay green. But there's a better way! By switching to Spokanescape and planting native, water-wise plants, we can save water where it matters most.

In addition to conserving water, Spokanescape also brings life to your yard, creating colorful, vibrant habitats that support essential pollinators and local wildlife.

Let a grow beautiful, resilient landscapes that save water, support the environment, and thrive for generations to come!

APPLICATION STEPS

- 1 Sign-up, Visit SpokaneScape.org**
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Contents:

- Application Steps
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Example Landscape Plan & Plant List

KEYSTONE NATIVE PLANTS

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Keystone native plants in the Spokane area are a unique combination of arid forest plants and high desert species. The expansion of urban development has threatened local ecosystems and numerous native species that have lived here for thousands of years. Incorporating local keystone native plants to your Spokanescape will ensure your plants thrive and will invite collectors, pollinators, and birds back into our community.

Drought-Tolerant Keystone Plants

There are many appropriate native species for our region that host a significant number of butterflies, moths, and pollen specialist bees. All plant information is from the **Historical Wildlife Federation**, visit their website to learn more about how you can protect native wildlife habitat.

Look for the keystone icon! We've highlighted keystone natives in our Plant List to help you get started. Check out the list below and find more details in our full plant guide.

Tree	Shrub	Herb	Perennial	Perennial
Aspen	Amelanchier	Black Chokeberry	Black Chokeberry	Black Chokeberry
Beech	Amelanchier	Black Chokeberry	Black Chokeberry	Black Chokeberry
Fir	Amelanchier	Black Chokeberry	Black Chokeberry	Black Chokeberry
Sitka Spruce	Amelanchier	Black Chokeberry	Black Chokeberry	Black Chokeberry

Native Planting in Progress...

Native plants almost always start out small! Don't despair, they will establish and grow quickly. Remember: Sleep, Creep, and Leap!

SLEEP - The native plants are tiny, but some may still be working on their growth.

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LEAP - The native plants are tiny, but some may still be working on their growth.

MAINTENANCE

Whether you install a new Spokanescape or are just looking for tips on how to water your existing landscape, the following section can help you make an immediate impact on your water use.

- PLAN AHEAD**
- MONITOR AND MINIMIZE WATERING**
- WEED**
- MULCH MAINTENANCE**
- REVIEW IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT**
- CHECK FOR LEAKS**
- WINTERIZING**
- TIME-OF-DAY**

LEAVE THE LEAVES!

simple tips for your Design

Imagine a beautiful landscape that has color, shape, texture, and beauty through all seasons. Picture a yard that uses fewer resources and one that you can spend your time enjoying, instead of maintaining.

Layout

When working on your design, it's helpful to start by drawing your landscape's features, such as existing plants and hardscape, and then place your plants. Find a good tree size and shrub, in your local plants, that fit the space, growth habit, and flowering color. Follow your plan and enjoy the results.

Guidebook: SpokaneScape Plant List

SpokaneScape Plant List Key



Keystone Plant



Butterfly Food or Nesting



Bee Food or Nesting



Bird Habitat & Forage



Hummingbird Food



Fragrant



Berries



Fall Color



Winter Interest



Evergreen



Erosion Control



Deer Resistant Plant



Fire-Wise Plant
See Page 5 for more information



= Spokane Native



= Eastern Washington Native



= Water Wise

Light Needs



Full Sunshine



Partial Sunshine



Shade

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<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> Pearly Everlasting	2' x 3'	4	Yellow / White JJAS			Topped with clusters of long-lasting, button like flowers; perfect for dried floral arrangements.	
<i>Artemisia frigida</i> Fringed Sage	1.5' x 1.5'	2.25	White / Yellow JAS			Plants are mat forming, with very fragrant woolly grey-green foliage and inconspicuous flowers.	
<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i> Silver Sage	3' x 3'	9	White / Yellow JJASO			Grown for its striking silver foliage, attractive accent plant in the garden. Can be a spreader.	
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i> Narrowleaf Milkweed	1' x 2.5'	1	Lavender JJAS			Extremely adaptable plant. Milkweed plants are critical to Monarch survival.	
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EDGING...

the thing that holds stuff in!

Edging serves a functional purpose by keeping mulch in planting beds, creating a barrier, containing paths made of pebbles, gravel, or other loose materials.



Guidebook: Edging

TRENCH EDGING

Along your hardscape, lawn and soil should be removed 6" and tapered a foot into the landscape. This creates a seat for your mulch to sit so that it doesn't sluff off into your hardscape (or existing landscape such as a neighbor's yard) and prevents weeds from growing on the edge.



Guidebook: Grass Removal Methods

SHEET MULCHING

1. Edging
2. Wet Lawn
3. Cardboard
4. Overlap
5. Wet Cardboard
6. Place Mulch
7. Wait
8. Plant





Guidebook: Grass Removal Methods

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CUTTING

Be
cautious
of tree
roots

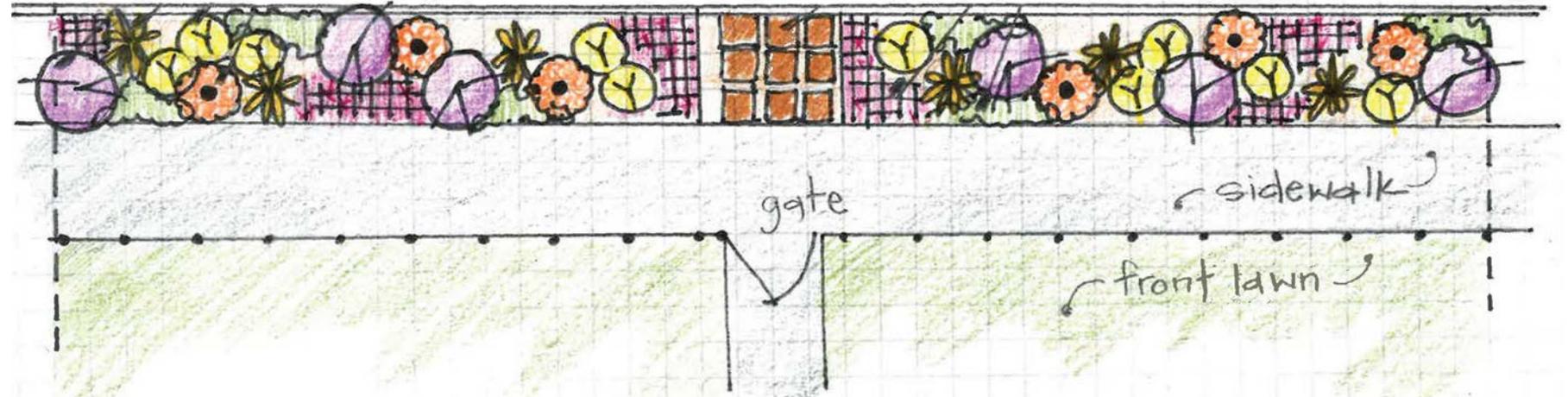


Want to Start Small? Flip your Strip!

Parking
Strips are
eligible!

No minimum
on square
footage!

Templates
available
online!



RIGHT TREE. RIGHT PLACE

Planting trees along our city's parking strips brings a range of benefits. Trees help improve air quality, manage stormwater, reduce temperatures, minimize noise, and support local biodiversity—just to name a few.

STREET TREE CLASSIFICATIONS

The city of Spokane's Street Tree program requires residents to choose specific trees for specific parking strip conditions. Below is a list by class of trees that will qualify for both the SpokaneScape program and the street tree program.

Class I

Trees used underneath power lines

Class	Botanical Name Common Name	Size (w x h)
I	Acer glabrum Rocky Mtn. Maple	15' x 30'
I	Acer griseum Paperbark Maple	20' x 30'
I	Amelanchier x grandiflora Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	15' x 25'
I	Crataegus viridis Winter King	35' x 35'

Class II

Trees for parking strips 5-8ft wide

Class	Botanical Name Common Name	Size (w x h)
II	Catalpa speciosa Northern Catalpa	50' x 70'
II	Cladrastis kentukea Yellowwood	45' x 30'- 50'
II	Ginkgo biloba Maidenhair Tree	40' x 40-50'
II	Gleditsia triacanthos Honeylocust	25-40' x 30-40'
II	Sorbus aucuparia European Mountain Ash	15' x 40'

Class III

Trees for parking strips over 8ft wide

Class	Botanical Name Common Name	Size (w x h)
III	Celtis occidentalis Hackberry Magnifica	50' x 50'
III	Gymnocladus dioicus Kentucky Coffee Tree	40-50' x 60-80'
III	Pinus ponderosa Ponderosa Pine	40' x 100'
III	Quercus coccinea Scarlet Oak	40-50' x 100'
III	Quercus macrocarpa Burr Oak	60-80' x 100'
III	Quercus robur English Oak	40' x 40'
III	Quercus rubra Northern Red Oak	75' x 75'
II	Tilia tomentosa Silver Linden	30-50' x 50-70'



Visit Urban Forestry's website for more info about trees in your parking strip and permitting requirements.

Resources: DIY Videos



DIY SpokaneScape Part One: DESIGN



DIY SpokaneScape Part Two: TURF REMOVAL



DIY SpokaneScape Part Three: SHEET MULCHING



DIY SpokaneScape Part Four: IRRIGATION



DIY SpokaneScape Part Five: PLACING PLANTS



DIY SpokaneScape Part Six: PLANTING TREES



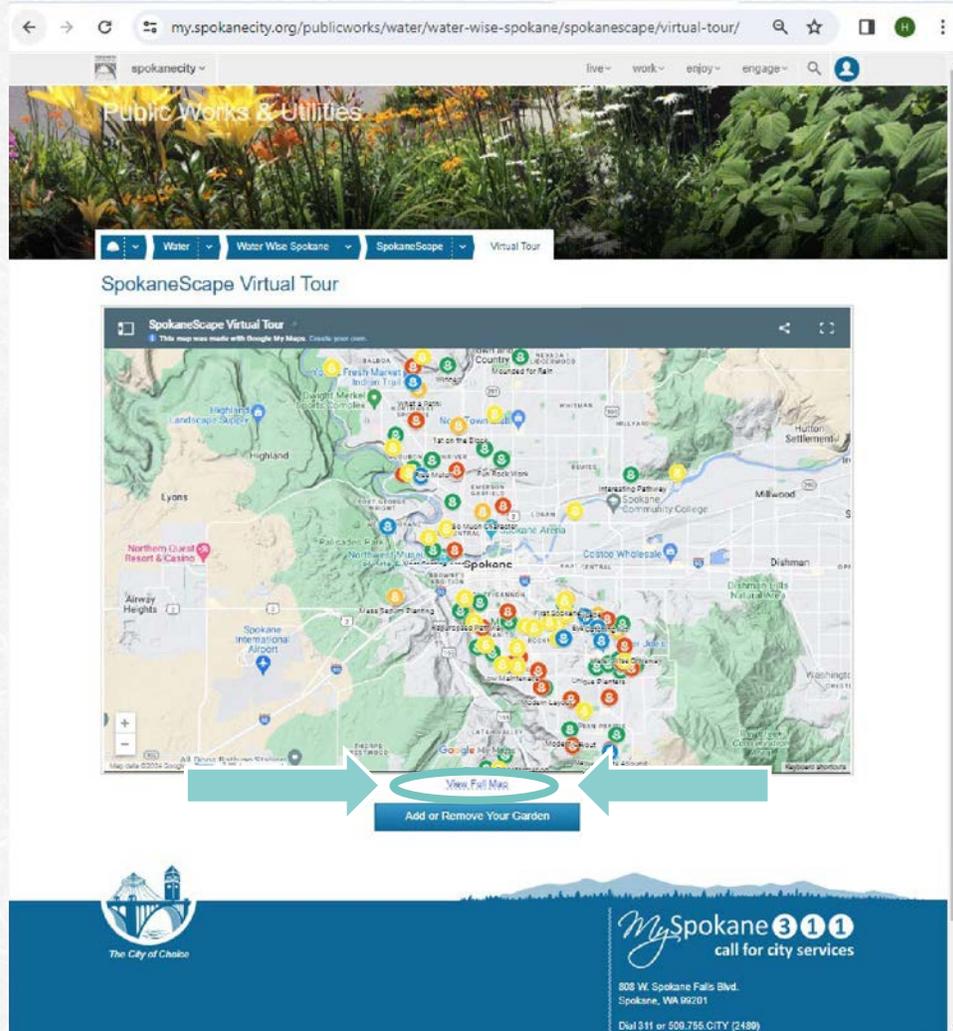
DIY SpokaneScape Part Seven: FINE-TUNING



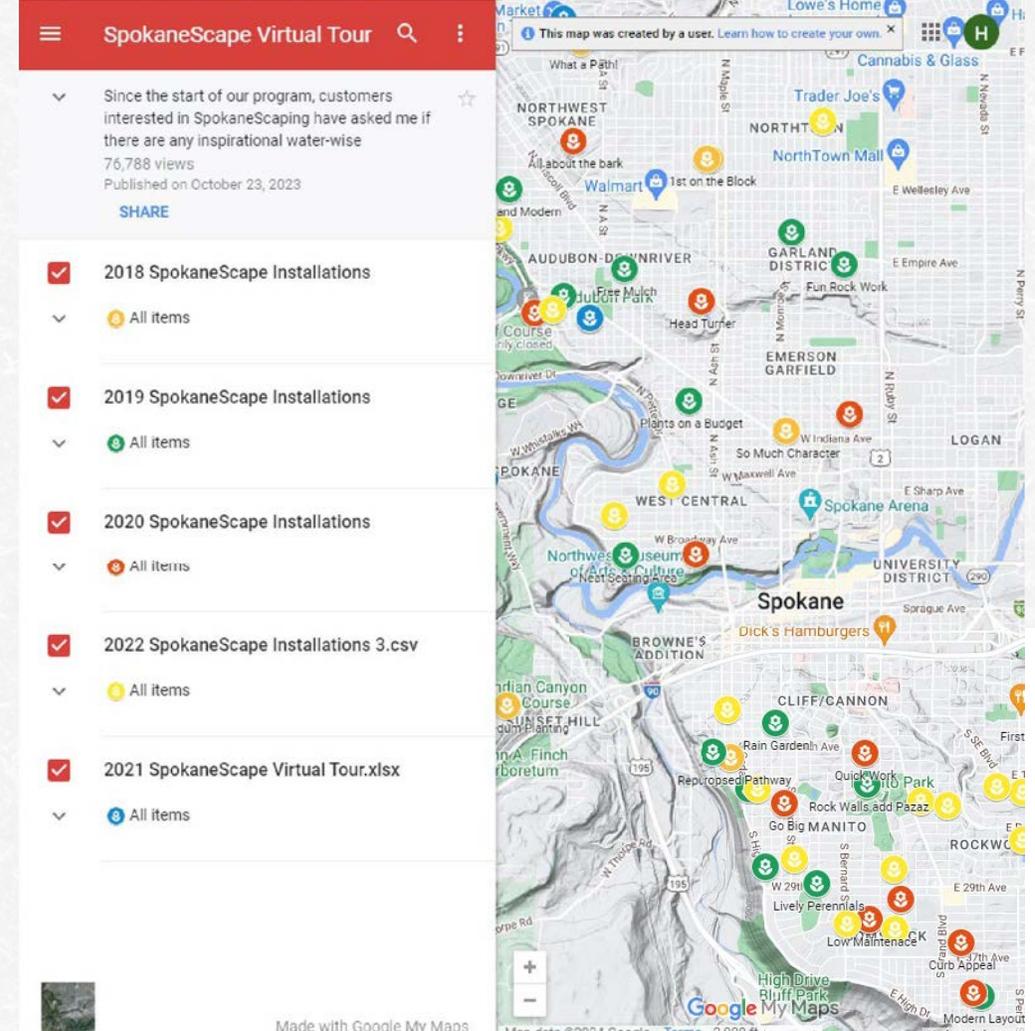
DIY SpokaneScape: DRIP IRRIGATION BONUS

Resources: Virtual Tour

Click "View Full Map"



Peruse projects from 2018 – 2025!



Resources: Virtual Tour



INSPIRATION: Demo Gardens



WSU Master Gardeners Garden



14th and Grand Pump Station

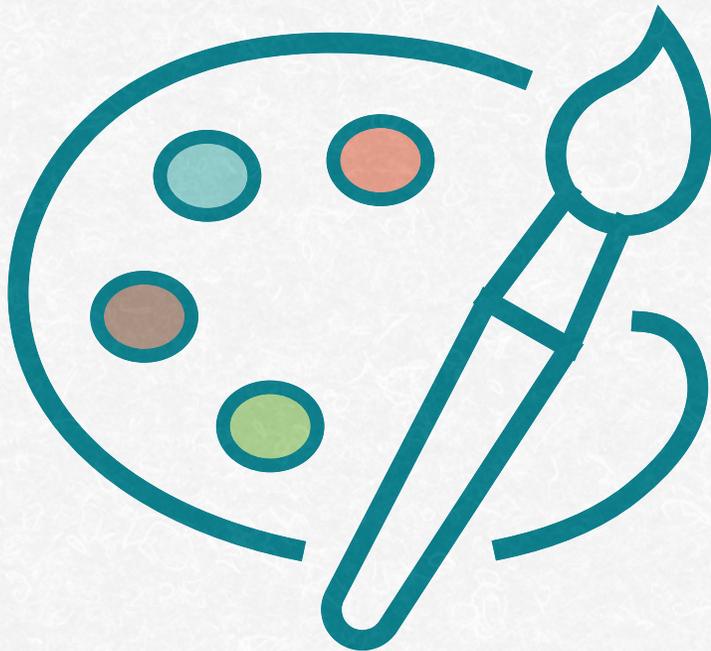


WSU Extension Water Wise Demo Garden

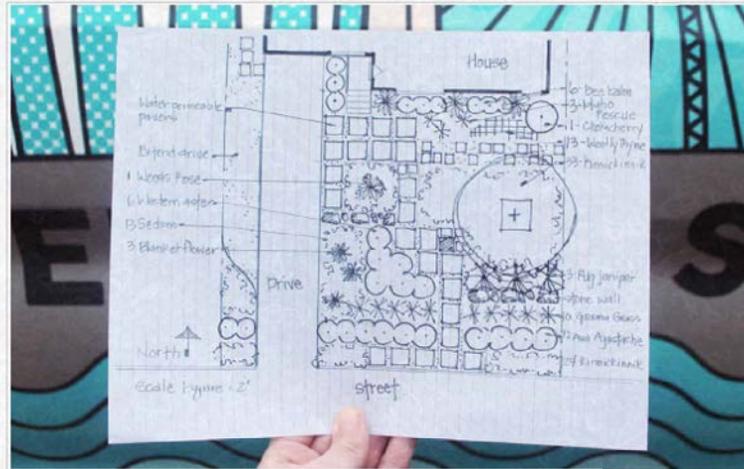
Volunteers
maintain demo
garden est. 2021



Resources: Design Templates

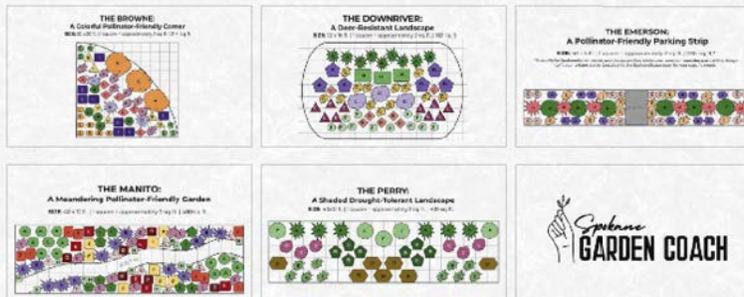


Landscape Design Templates



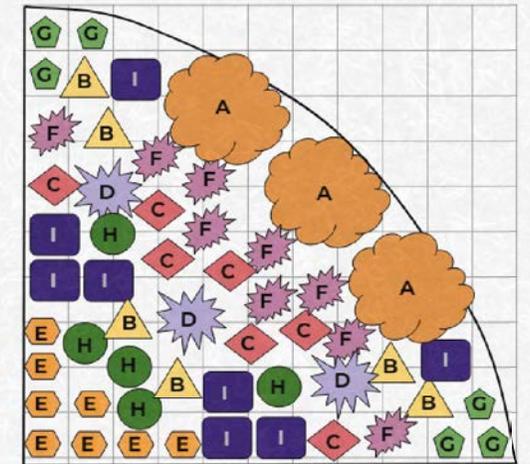
Deciding which plants and features you want for your landscape can be a difficult and overwhelming process. To help make this process as easy as possible, we have partnered with the Spokane Garden Coach to create a variety of free design templates that are available to use as your landscape plan and plant list. Whether you're tearing out a corner of your lawn, redesigning your parking strip, or removing all of your turf, we have pre-approved landscape plans ready with all the information you would need to start your SpokaneScape!

We encourage you to personalize the pre-made landscape designs by substituting plants or adding features to make your SpokaneScape unique and stand out! All 5 design templates meet the program requirements and are ready to attach to your application.



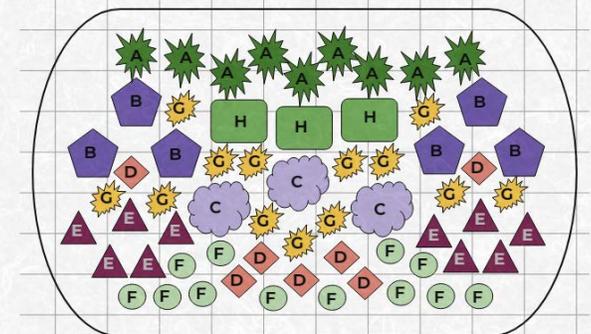
THE BROWNE: A Colorful Pollinator-Friendly Corner

SIZE: 20 x 20 ft. | 1 square = approximately 2 sq. ft. | 314 sq. ft



THE DOWNRIVER: A Deer-Resistant Landscape

SIZE: 22 x 16 ft. | 1 square = approximately 2 sq. ft. | 352 sq. ft.



Resources: Professional Assistance



Have a Pro do your project? They can apply for you too!

NEED A HAND?

Work With a SpokaneScape Certified Pro

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

2nd Nature Landscaping
2ndnaturewa.com
509-999-8104

Deep Roots Garden & Landscaping
509-216-4835

Earthmover Home Solutions
rweathmover@gmail.com
509-993-9940

Fotheringham Gardens
fotheringhamgardens.com
509-342-8018

Garden Landscapes
theenglishlandscaper.com
509-253-0384

GardenUp Landscape
gardenuplandscape.com
509-788-5442

K2 Landscaping
k2landscaping.com
509-678-1775

Lawrence Landscape and Sprinklers, LLC
lawrencelandscapeandsprinklers.com
509-720-7276

Mulch On
mulch-on.com
509-788-3607
Pacific Garden Design
pacificgardendesign.com
509-838-3939

Rabbitbrush
rabbitbrushhvw.com
509-903-5591

Rexcellent, Inc.
rexcellentinc.com
509-557-0337

Smart Water Solutions
smartwatersolutions.org
509-251-2006

Twin Gardens LLC
twingardensllc.com
509-866-9424

Spokane Boys
spokaneboysinc.com
509-487-0295

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Michael Terrell Landscape Architecture PLLC
mt-la.com
509-922-7448

Place Landscape Architecture
place-la.com
509-570-2157

Spokane Garden Coach
spokanegardencoach.com

SPVV Landscape Architects
spvv.com
509-325-0511

Storhaug Engineering
storhauginc.com
509-242-1000

The Phoenix Conservancy
phoenixconservancy.org
425-757-6890

PLANTS & SUPPLIES

Barn and Blossom
barnandblossom.com
509-448-3894

Blue Moon
bluemoonplants.com
509-747-4255

Floralia
floralianursery.com
509-724-0223

Humbird's Natives & Nearby
calluna.cultivation@yahoo.com
509-218-5604

Plants of the Wild
plantsofthewild.com
509-284-2848

Ritters Garden & Gift
4ritter.com
509-467-5258

Seed-2-Seed Native Plants
seed2seed.com
509-389-6785

Tanager Greenhouse
tanagergreenhouse.com
206-853-4246

Trellis and Table
trellisandtable.com
509-359-0054

Twinflower Nursery LLC
twinflowerplants@gmail.com
810-569-8089

Professional Assistance

Let's face it, we're all not all DIYers. Because of this, we've connected with local businesses who are passionate about providing their customers with water-efficient landscaping products and services. The following professionals have a clear understanding of SpokaneScape program requirements and are ready to assist you with your water-wise landscape and rebate! *Disclosure: Inclusion on this list is not an endorsement from the City, typical consumer due diligence is recommended.*



Construction & Maintenance

Landscape Architecture & Planning

Nurseries & Plant Supplies

Join the list of SpokaneScape Certified Professionals!



Local landscape architects, designers, contractors, plant nurseries, and material suppliers can join our SpokaneScape Professional Certification Program by filling out an application and completing a quiz.

- Complete the [SpokaneScape Professional Certification Application](#)
- And take our mandatory [SpokaneScape Certified Professional Quiz](#)

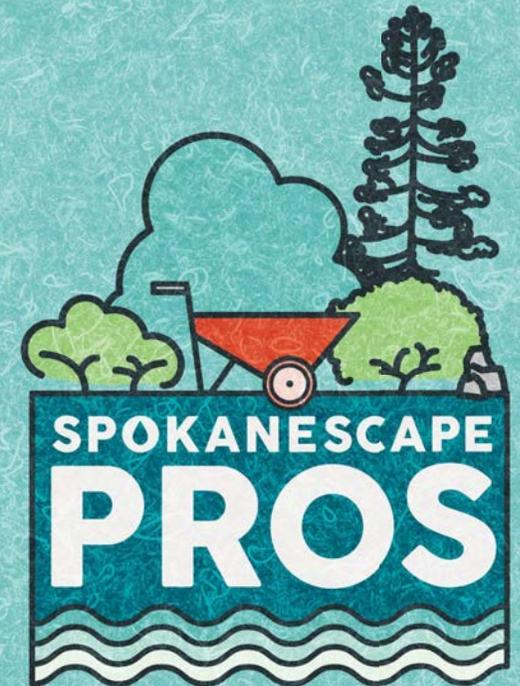


SPOKANESCAPE PROS

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Construction Pros

- They can apply for you!
- Plant list **waived**
- Landscape plan **waived**
- Inspections **waived**

Resources: Perks of Working with Pros



Nursery Pros

- Knowledgeable in SpokaneScape
- Look for SpokaneScape plant stakes

Resources: Designer at Your Door



Need Help Getting a Design Started?

Sign up for a one-hour FREE design consultation from an industry professional

DESIGNER AT YOUR DOOR

- **Goals:** discuss your landscape goals, style preferences, and any specific design features you want to incorporate.
- **Site Review:** microclimates, soil types, drainage, and existing plants and structures.
- **Design:** a conceptual SpokaneScape design, site plan, and plant list.





DESIGNER AT
YOUR DOOR

Eligibility for 1:1 Design Consultations

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WATER WISE
WEDNESDAY
WORKSHOPS

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SPOKANE
SCAPE 101

OR

Resources Recap!



Guidebook



DIY Videos



Virtual Tour



Pros



Designer at Your Door



Community Updates and Impact



Summer Watering Schedule

OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE

Watering rules apply June 1st through October 1st



Help us use water wisely by doing your part. City of Spokane Watering rules apply every year. Drip systems and hand watering are permitted anytime. Exemptions for trees, newly planted landscapes, and vegetable gardens.

Water Efficiency Check Ups



- Top to bottom inspection and assessment of sprinkler system to inspect for leaks, overspray, damages
- Create a personal water budget and irrigation schedule
- Determine landscape's water needs.
- Controller programming assistance

SPOKANESCAPE ED OPPORTUNITIES





**Wednesdays in
March and April**

**Shadle Park Library
5:30pm-6:30pm**

Welcome to Water Wise
Wednesday Workshops!



**WATER WISE
WEDNESDAY
WORKSHOPS**

- 3/4 **Intro to SpokaneScape**

- 3/11 **SpokaneScape DIY Design**

- 3/18 **SpokaneScape DIY Install Tips**

- 3/25 **Canopy Huggers Unite!**

- 4/1 **Choosing Your Plants? Go Native!**

- 4/8 **Efficient Irrigation**

- 4/15 **Green Without Grass**

- 4/22 **Fire and Water Wise Design**

SPOKANE SCAPE CRASH COURSE

- ✓ Program Overview
- ✓ Landscape Design
- ✓ Native Plant Choices
- ✓ DIY Drip Irrigation
- ✓ Design Advice

✓ **Water Wise**
✦ **Garden Tour**
✦ **and More!** ✦

Every 2nd Tuesday
May - September

WSU Extension
5:30pm-8:30pm



**SPOKANE
SCAPE101**

Bike Everywhere In May – SpokaneScape Tour



Tuesday May 5th – 6:30pm-8:30pm

Policy Progress!



- Julia Costello, working towards her Gold Award in Girl Scouts, approached Senator Mike Padden for help with a pollinator project
- Developed into passing Senate Bill 5934 that promotes use of pollinator friendly landscaping in residential and commercial projects
- For our program that means SpokaneScapes can be installed in HOA communities where they otherwise may have been denied due to HOA lawn standards



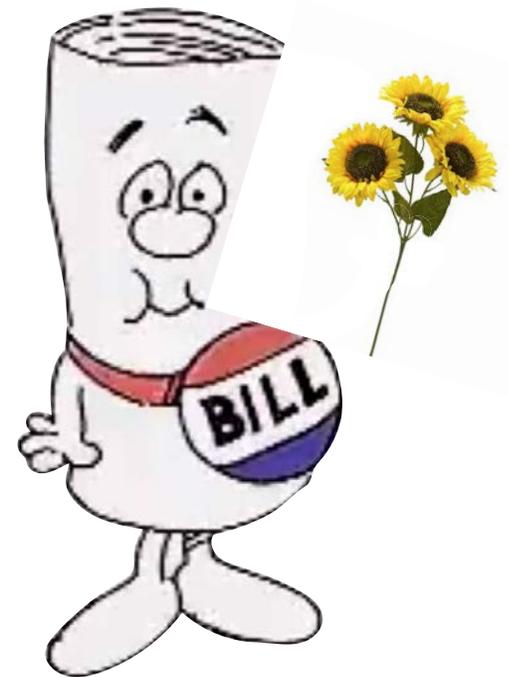
Concerning pollinator habitat.

SB 5934 – 2023-24

Sec 5 – 1a

The declaration of a common interest ownership
and any governing documents adopted by an association

may not prohibit the
installation of drought resistant
landscaping, pollinator habitat,
including beehives compliant with local regulation



Whitworth Entomology Class Research



- Dr. Olivia Cope reached out spring 2024 proposing SpokaneScape partnership with her Summer Research Group and BI-307 Fall Entomology Class
- Interested in working with a local program and conduct field work to support habitat for pollinators
- Students surveyed three of our public SpokaneScape demo gardens and collected insect samples
- Findings: SpokaneScapes attract double the arthropods as traditional plots

Whitworth Entomology Class Research



Arthropod richness is greater in native and drought tolerant landscaping

Elta Davis, Uuriintuya Bayasgalan, Erica Heid, Shayla Shea, Olivia Cope
Whitworth University Department of Biology



Introduction

- Arthropod biodiversity is an excellent indicator of the health and function of an ecosystem due to arthropods' rapid population dynamics and exhibition of a diversity of ecological roles.¹
- Because of arthropod susceptibility to habitat change, homeowners have an opportunity to promote arthropod richness by selecting diverse landscaping vegetation.
- The City of Spokane's SpokaneScape program helps landowners replace monoculture turf lawns with native and drought tolerant landscaping to save water and simultaneously promote biodiversity.²
- In partnership with SpokaneScape, we aim to analyze the differences in arthropod richness between traditional turf-based landscaping and SpokaneSaped gardens.

Arthropod Richness in SpokaneScape vs. Traditional Plots

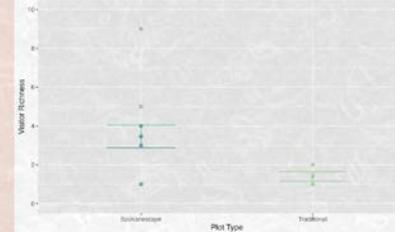


Figure 1. The effect of plot type on the flower-visiting arthropod community, where SpokaneSaped plots exhibit a significantly higher visitor richness than in traditional turfgrass plots ($F_{1,104}=4.511, p=0.0496$).



Of floral visitors, the most common taxonomic order to appear was Hymenoptera, such as this honeybee (above) and bumble bee (below). Members of the order Diptera were second most abundant.



An example of a SpokaneScape plot, with a variety of drought-tolerant and native plants.

Conclusion

After analyzing the data, it is evident that vegetation richness has a significant effect on visiting arthropod richness. SpokaneSaped plots received on average nearly two times as many visiting arthropods than traditional plots. Similarly, in plots with more plant richness, the resulting richness in arthropods was much higher than plots with less vegetation variety.

We conclude that the results indicate the effectiveness of vegetation to support arthropod biodiversity. The data here suggest that providing a rich diversity of plants will help to promote a greater variety of flower-visiting arthropods such as pollinators.

Future research will compare SpokaneScape and traditional landscaping with regard to total arthropods present, which will produce more data than floral visitors alone. With the end of this project, we hope to provide more scientific support for diverse landscaping that will provide a more stable habitat to increase insect biodiversity.

Methods

- At each location, we sampled three plots in a SpokaneSaped area and three plots in a traditionally landscaped area
- Plots were 2x2 meters, and represented typical vegetation at each collection location, beginning in the middle of each area



- Data was collected on which plant species were present in each plot
- Plants were observed for 5 minutes to record the number and type of floral visitors
- Flower-visiting arthropod richness was calculated as the total number of identifiable taxa visiting the entire plot over 5 minutes

Locations included in this study were the WSU Extension Office, the Pump Station, a residential yard, the Water Department, and the Upriver Dam.

Effect of Plant Richness on Visiting Arthropod Richness

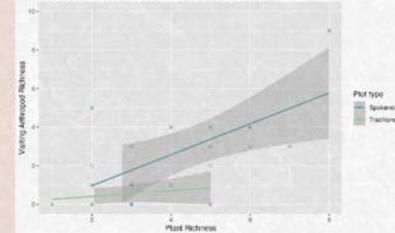


Figure 2. The effect of plant richness on arthropod richness. Plots that are composed of an array of different vegetation species exhibit higher arthropod richness than plots composed of traditional turf landscaping ($F_{2,26}=12.56, p=2.89e^{-5}$).



Some collection locations left to right: 1, 2: Grace Well 3: Residential Yard 4: Pump Station. Blue circles are SpokaneScape vegetation, red circles are traditional turfgrass vegetation.

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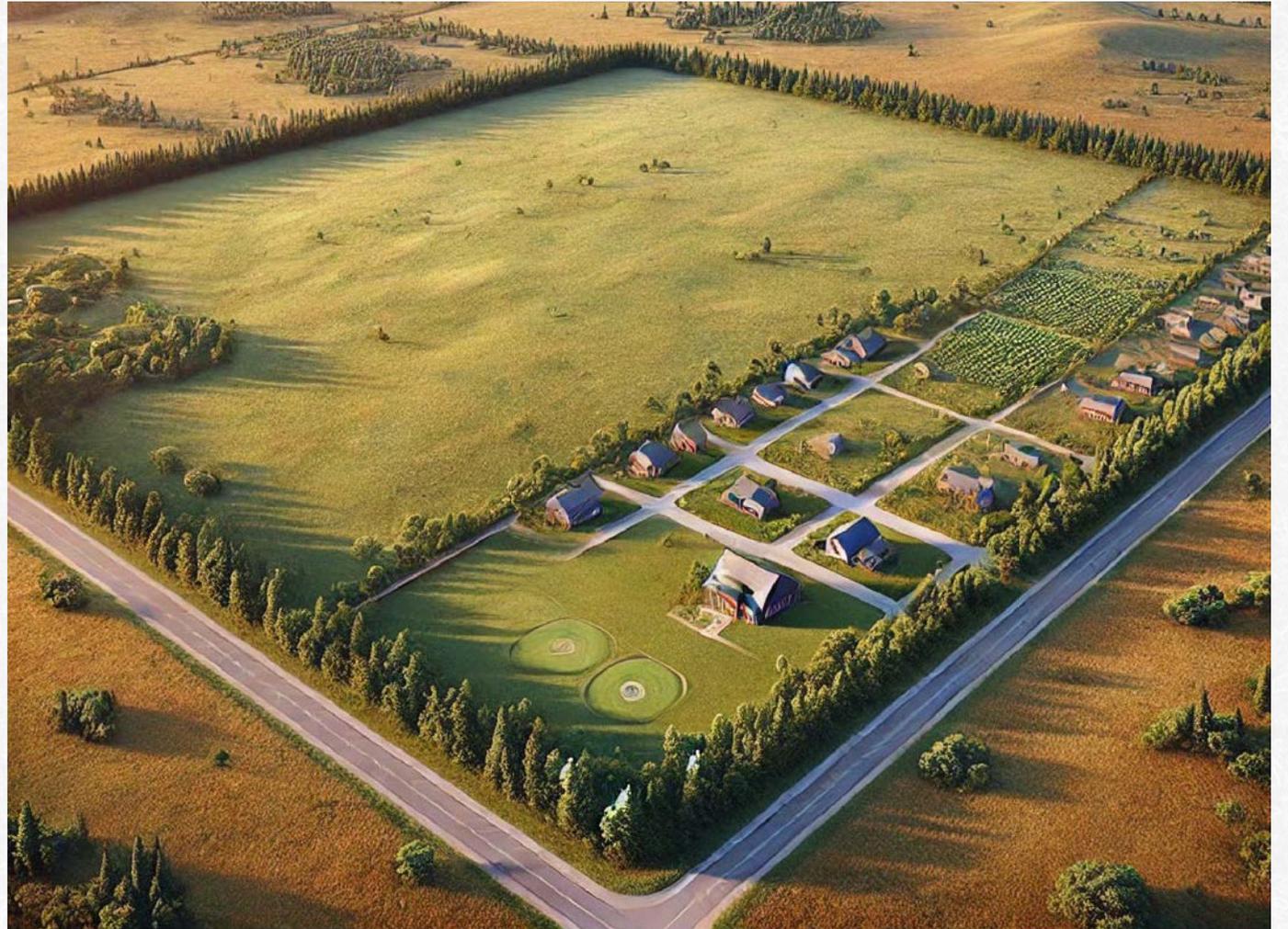
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Stats

Over the last 8 years, the SpokaneScape Program has removed 597,251 sf of turfgrass and replaced with ecologically beneficial landscapes.

Number of Completed Projects: 500





Let's make Spokane more **sustainable**.
One yard at a time.

“We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.”

- Howard Zinn

Thank you for coming!

QUESTIONS?



WATER WISE WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS