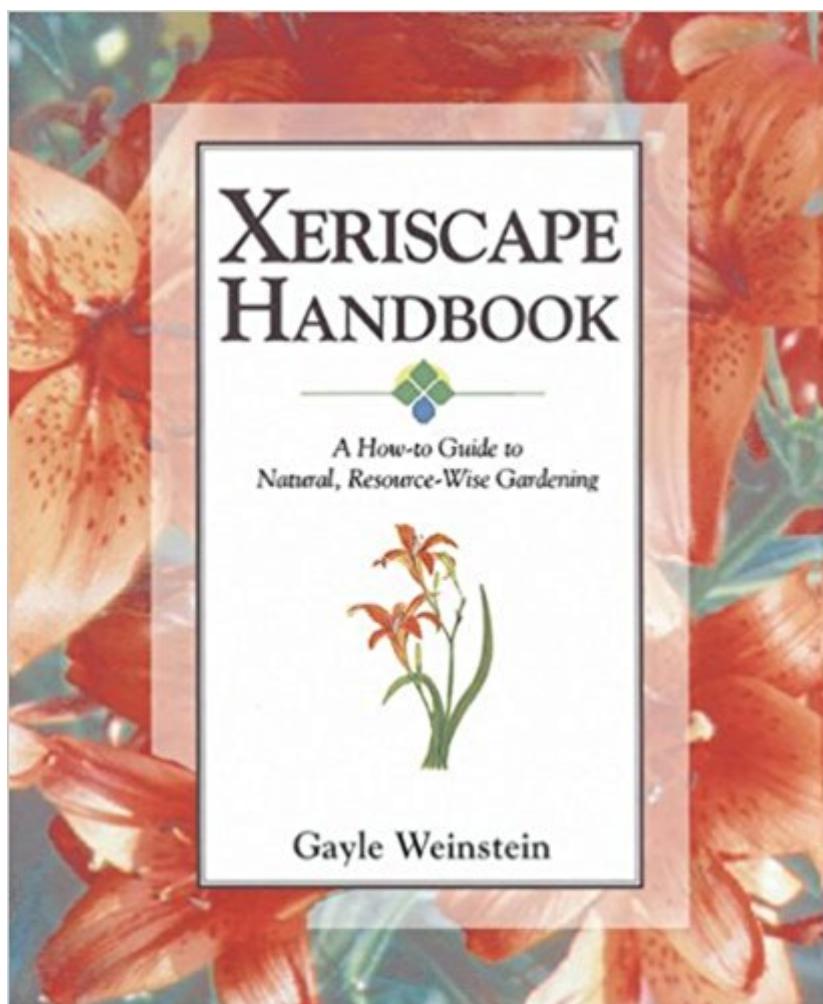


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# Xeriscape Handbook: A How-to Guide To Natural Resource-Wise Gardening



## **Synopsis**

Provides hands-on advice in creating your own Xeriscape garden, no matter where you live. As water bills skyrocket and concern for conserving potable water increases, homeowners, gardeners, and landscapers seek alternatives. Xeriscape plant materials are water-conserving, beautiful, and thrive in specific environments. *Xeriscape Handbook* takes an easy-to-follow, step-by-step approach to creating a water-wise garden. Environmental gardening factors are combined with the seven principles of Xeriscape and good gardening techniques.

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## **Customer Reviews**

"Weinstein shows that with careful planning and wise plant selection, Xeriscapes can be as colorful and satisfying as more traditional--and far thirstier--landscapes."

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Review - "Xeriscape Handbook" by Gale Weinstein  
Gayle Weinstein has written a complete guide to gardening in a dry climate, specifically the Denver Area, although the principles will apply in any arid climate. She takes off with understanding the climate climate, the microclimate and your own piece of ground. Then Gayle leads us through evaluating your site, drawing up what is present before

moving on to attempting to plan your landscaping on your site. There is an excellent chapter on soil which incorporates all the recent soil research, making it accessible for the lay user of this book. Gayle follows this with a chapter on "Compost, Mulch and Fertilizer" which is one of the more complete reviews of the topic I have ever seen. The the details of planting the plants, everything from small annuals to huge trees are laid out. Plant health and maintenance is well outlined. Finally there is an entire chapter on "applying water" to your landscape. The book is well written, reads well and has good pictures and diagrams emphasizing the clarifying the points made. The book seems to be written as part of a trilogy, this book, "Xeriscape Plant Guide" and "Xeriscape Color Guide." This book does not provide much in the way of individual plant information, but that is found in the "Xeriscape Plant Guide." All three books are from Fulcrum Publishing, in Golden, Colorado. And while the copy of the Color Guide is not yet here, I suspect that would greatly augment the plant selection process.

This is an extremely informative book, but not all on-topic. Maybe 40% of the content focuses on xeriscape. The remainder is very good info about home landscaping with water savings more or less in mind. In both respects, the info is top-notch for the DIY amateur. But if you're strictly interested in no-water, arid or semiarid landscaping this will be a quick and disappointing read.

compact, yet thorough primer on gardening and garden design. Would have liked a few more lists of drought-tolerant plants and accompanying pictures would have been fabulous, but would have made a much bulkier (and more expensive) book.

Best book to show what plants, how to lay out and organize for water resistant gardinging.

I use it for horticulture school. It is very informational, straight-forward and easy to understand. It's a great book to add to a gardener's library.

Just did not cover the needs I have for my project - that's all i have to say say say

This book continues the theme of shallowness set for me by the Xericape color guide. It will help to keep the coffee table from being empty as house guests might want to quickly leaf through them to look at illustrations of plants that actual photographs would have helped a reader see how a xeriscape might come to be in their own endeavour for a xeriscape displayed in their own yard..

The book has little to do with xeriscaping; the subtitle would have made a better title. Only chapter vi is about watering & irrigation. The book isn't for those receiving little rainfall, but for those who usually have enough rain with occasional rainless periods who want to avoid watering at all. The section on soil composition was good.

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