



Arizona Department of Water Resources *Conserving Water Today for Arizona's Tomorrow*



Drop Your Water Use!

Drop Your Water Use is a pilot program designed to educate retail nursery customers on how to plan and maintain a healthy and water efficient landscape.

Nursery Plant Tagging Program saves water by making low water use plants easy to identify

Drop Your Water Use is a voluntary collaboration between ADWR, wholesale nurseries and local retail nurseries that uses a simple water drop system to identify plants with similar water requirements. Plants are labeled one through three, distinguished with corresponding water drops and numbers.

All of the labeled plants are Xeriscape plants currently on the Tucson AMA—Low Water Use/Drought Tolerant plant list. The one through three numbering system correlates with the plant list water use numbers.



A “number one” indicates very low water use mostly native Sonoran and Chihuahuan desert plants,



Two is low water use,



Three is moderate water use.

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By grouping plants with the same number, a gardener can more successfully group plants by water needs.

Although the plants are all low-water-using, the frequency that they need to be irrigated varies from approximately once-a-week to once-a-month after the plants are established (in about 2-3 years). ADWR encourages consumers to use separate valves on their irrigation system to water each zone and irrigate trees separately, enabling them to manage their irrigation water use more efficiently.

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A Nursery Plant Tagging Program to Promote Efficient Water Use...

It's as easy as one, two, three:

1 Look for low-water-use-plants with these **WATER DROPS** on the labels, if you want to save water!

2 Group plants into irrigation zones by planting **ONE DROPS** together, **TWO DROPS** together, etc.

3 Use **SEPARATE IRRIGATION VALVES FOR EACH ZONE**, so you can water efficiently. frequency and duration will vary depending on soil type and exposure

Conserving water—more than a drop in the bucket!

We Live in a Desert- CONSERVE WATER!

Drop your Water Use,, is a Program of the Arizona Department of Water Resources in cooperation with participating nurseries

ADWR provides a variety of free promotional materials to participating retail nurseries and their customers:

- ◆ Posters and UV resistance water drop stickers for signage
- ◆ ADWR Low-Water-Use / Drought Tolerant Plant lists; watering guidelines and program overview fact sheets for nursery customers

Participating Wholesale Nurseries



List of Participating Retail Nurseries:

