



2009 Rim Country Water-Wise Landscaping Contest

The High Country Xeriscape Council of Payson, AZ is sponsoring this contest to promote the use of native plants, water conservation and sustainable landscapes in the Rim Country. The contest will increase awareness about how beautiful, affordable and low maintenance water-wise landscaping can be by recognizing and honoring people and businesses that have designed and implemented attractive water-wise landscapes.

Two Contest Divisions: Residential and Commercial

Awards in each division: Grand Prize \$200 and trophy  
Honorable Mention \$50 and plaque  


Entries are accepted from residences and commercial properties in Payson and the surrounding communities.

Water-Wise Judging Criteria

1. Contains at least 90% low water use plants. (For more information about specific plants refer to the High Country Xeriscape Council website <http://www.xeriscapeaz.org/> or the Town of Payson Water Dept.)
2. Is made attractive with color, design, and plant combinations.
3. Shows the use of low-water-use/drought-tolerant plants zoned by water use.
4. Uses appropriate and efficient watering methods.
5. Demonstrates appropriate contouring of the land to reduce water use.
6. Improved the soil by adding organic material.
7. Uses mulch, wood chips or other materials around plants to reduce the need for water.
8. Incorporates a rainwater harvesting and/or grey water system.
9. Attracts wildlife.
10. Appropriately maintained.

How to Enter

Complete the attached entry form and mail to:

 High Country Xeriscape Council of Arizona
P.O. Box 2701
Payson, AZ 85547



Or: Drop off at Plant Fair Nursery, 3497 E Arizona 260 in Star Valley  or the Town of Payson Water Department, 303 N. Beeline Hwy, Payson

Contest entry deadline is June 30, 2009. Finalists will be contacted by July 17th. Awards ceremony and photo display of entered landscapes will be August 15, 2009.

The High Country Xeriscape Council of Arizona is a non-profit 501 (c)3 corporation dedicated to educating our communities about water-wise gardening. For additional information write: HCXCA P.O. Box 2701 Payson, AZ 85547
Visit our website at: www.xeriscapeaz.org
or call Lois Hurd of the High Country Xeriscape Council of Arizona: (928) 970-1582



Judging Score Sheet

Entry # _____

R - Residential

C - Commercial

CRITERIA

**POINTS
EARNED**
0 to 5 (5 highest)

1	Is planted with at least 90% low water use plants as designated by the Town of Payson	
2	Is attractive: colorful, design, plant combinations	
3	Shows use of low-water-use/drought-tolerant plants zoned by water use	
4	Zone 1 characteristics evident – highest water use plants closest to residence or business	
5	Zone 2 characteristics evident – transition zone	
6	Zone 3 characteristics present – plants requiring no additional watering once established	
7	Uses appropriate and efficient irrigation methods	
8	Demonstrates appropriate contouring of the land to reduce water use	
9	Improved the soil by adding organic material	
10	Uses mulch, wood chips or other materials around plants to reduce the need for water	
11	Incorporates a rainwater harvesting system	
12	Incorporates a grey water system	
13	Attracts wildlife	
14	Installed by homeowner or business owner	
15	Appropriately maintained	
TOTAL POINTS		