

# 2010 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:

### 1. Residential

**Awards: Grand Prize \$200 and trophy**    
**Honorable Mention \$50 and plaque**  

### 2. Commercial

**Awards: Grand Prize \$200 and trophy**    
**Honorable Mention \$50 and plaque**  

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


## What the Judges Will be Looking For:

- Are the majority of the plants low water use?
- Are plants mulched to prevent water loss?
- Is a drip system or other water conservation system(s) in place?
- Is the landscape attractive, using different colors and textures?
- Is it properly maintained?
- Does it benefit wildlife?
- Are plants zoned by water use?


Please visit the website at [www.xeriscapeaz.org](http://www.xeriscapeaz.org) for a complete list of guidelines the judges will use.

## 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

Contest entry deadline is July 10, 2010. Finalists will be contacted by July 24, 2010.  
Awards will be presented by August 14, 2010.

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](http://www.xeriscapeaz.org)

or call Lois Hurd of the High Country Xeriscape Council of Arizona: (928) 970-1582

# 2010 Judging Score Sheet

R - Residential  
C - Commercial

Name

Address

## CRITERIA

**POINTS  
EARNED**

**0 to 5 (5 highest)**

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|----|--|--|
| 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 | Appropriately maintained   |  |

**TOTAL POINTS**