



Easy Ideas for Saving Money in your Garden

Try these ideas for saving a little money in your garden, while creating a beautiful getaway where you can relax and leave the world behind!

- 1. Right plant, right place** – Each area of a garden has different soil, water and light conditions. Choosing the right plant allows you to take advantage of the conditions rather than fight them. Planting the right plants can reduce the amount of irrigation, fertilizer and pesticides needed, reducing your water bill and the amount of money you spend on amendments. For some great plant ideas, see our list of drought-tolerant plants below.
- 2. Use Mulch** – A thick mulch layer helps the soil hold more moisture and reduces the amount of irrigation needed. Mulch also helps keep weeds from coming back and reduces the need to spray weed-killers.
- 3. Plant a shade tree** – A shade tree adds a wonderful focal point in your garden and helps reduce your electric bills, by shading your house. Most trees are drought-tolerant once established and they add valuable oxygen back into the atmosphere.
- 4. Use hardscapes to create an elegant garden retreat** – Pottery, stones and boulders, statuary, benches and paths are all ways to add elegance to your garden. The best part is, these garden accents require no water to keep them looking great!
- 5. Replace Grass with Groundcovers** – No more fighting with your grass! Replace your lawn with a beautiful groundcover and you'll never have to re-sod again.

Some Common Drought-Tolerant and Easy Care Plants

Sun to Light Shade: Knockout Roses, Bougainvillea, Lantana, Bush Daisy, Crape Myrtles, Loropetalum, Juniper, Coontie Palm, Simpson's Stopper, Thryallis, Plumbago, Bulbine, Yucca, Golden Peanut, Sunshine Mimosa, Flax Lily, Viburnum, Holly, Red Fountain, Muhly and Elliot's Love Grass, Lily of the Nile, Minima Jasmine, Mexican Petunia and Many More

Part Shade to Shade: Cast Iron Plant, Fern, Ivy, Purple Queen, Jasmine, Liriope, Aztec and Mondo Grass, Bromeliads, Minima Jasmine, Xanadu Philodendron, Stromanthe, Dwarf Oyster

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