

# Water - Wise

## PLANT EVENT

Don't miss a free give and take of drought-tolerant plants for your Fresno-friendly garden.

WHERE: Fresno State Horticulture Greenhouses  
California State University, Fresno  
3150 E. Barstow Ave. just east of Chestnut Avenue in Fresno

WHEN: Saturday, May 2, 2015; 8 a.m. to noon

GARDENERS BRINGING WATER-WISE PLANTS,  
CUTTINGS, BULBS, SEEDS AND TREES TO SHARE WITH  
GUESTS WILL RECEIVE **SOMETHING SPECIAL**

MASTER GARDENERS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER  
YOUR GARDENING QUESTIONS

WORKSHOPS, INFORMATION BOOTHS

FREE WATER-WISE PLANTS (LIMITED)

KIDS PLANTING TABLE!

To kick-off Saturday's event, join Friends of the Madden Library and the Water-wise Plant Event Committee on Friday, May 1 to learn from experts about local water challenges.

Activities will continue May 8<sup>th</sup> with a guided tour of the water-wise plants at Clovis Botanical Garden.

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### PARTNERS

City of Fresno, Water Conservation Program  
Central Valley Water Awareness Committee  
Horticulture Unit at Fresno State  
Irrigation Association  
UC Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener Program  
California Native Plant Society  
Clovis Botanical Garden  
Tree Fresno  
Center for Irrigation

Technology at Fresno State  
Friends of the Madden Library at Fresno State  
Center for Advanced Research and Technology  
Alluvial Community Garden  
Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society  
Fresno Iris Society  
Takao Nursery  
USDA Agricultural Research Service/ NALPGRU





# WATER-WISE PLANT EXCHANGE EVENT

A local spring-time favorite, the Water-Wise Give and Take Plant Event, will be held at the Fresno State Horticulture Greenhouse Park (3150 E. Barstow Ave.) on May 2, 2015 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. -- with a new kick-off event, hosted by Friends of the Madden Library, on Friday, May 2. Activities will continue May 8<sup>th</sup> with a guided tour of the water-wise plants at Clovis Botanical Garden.

Both events are free for the public and designed to educate guests on how to save water with Fresno-friendly landscaping practices. Saturday's Water-Wise Plant Give and Take Event will draw hundreds of guests, dozens of master gardeners, offer hands-on activities for kids, and provide free educational workshops.

Saturday guests are invited to experience and learn from all of the participating partners, while picking-up a limited amount of free, drought-resistant plants for their gardens. Gardeners will receive **Something Special** for donating water-wise plants, cuttings, bulbs, seeds and trees to share with other guests.

Throughout the event, experts in native and water-wise plants will be on-hand to offer advice for nurturing yards and gardens that are beautiful and can thrive in San Joaquin Valley weather with a minimal amount of water.

Event activities include: Workshops led by Master Gardeners; Fresno State's Water-wise Demonstration Garden in bloom; Access to irrigation and controller experts who can help answer residents' questions concerning landscapes or vegetable gardens; Kid's Mother's Day craft project; Fresno State's Floral Laboratory displays and Fresno State Nursery Plant sale. Central Valley Friendly Landscape Award winning photographs will also be on display.

Landscape irrigation represents up to 70% of water used in a typical household - much of this water is wasted by inefficient irrigation and water-guzzling landscape. By planting water-wise San Joaquin Valley-Friendly trees and plants that use 2/3 less water than other plants, households can save water and money without sacrificing a beautiful landscape. In addition to water-wise planting practices, households can also save 15-25 gallons of water per day by adjusting sprinklers so they don't water driveways, streets and sidewalks.

A collection of partners make this event possible including: City of Fresno Water Conservation; Central Valley Water Awareness Committee; Horticulture Unit at Fresno State; Irrigation Association; UC Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener Program; Fresno Office of Education, Scout Island; California Native Plant Society; Clovis Botanical Garden; Tree Fresno; Fresno Iris Society; Center for Irrigation Technology at Fresno State; Friends of the Madden Library at Fresno State; Center for Advanced Research and Technology; Alluvial Community Garden; Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society; USDA Agricultural Research Service/NALPGRU.

For a list of water-wise plants, water conservation gardening tips and many other ways to save water inside and outside the home, visit [www.fresno.gov/water](http://www.fresno.gov/water); email: [waterconservation@fresno.gov](mailto:waterconservation@fresno.gov) or call the City of Fresno Water Conservation Program at (559) 621-5480.