



# Community Conservation Challenge

## Opportunities for Learning

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Come learn how to use water more efficiently outdoors, whether by planting native plants, caring for your lawn organically, or mastering your irrigation system. All of the workshops are open to the public and have a nominal fee. Please register through Concord-Carlisle Adult and Community Education at [www.ace.colonial.net](http://www.ace.colonial.net) or at 978-318-1540.

- **Natural Landscaping, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, at CCHS**  
Attractive landscapes don't have to have expansive lawns covering your entire property, or for that matter include any lawn at all. Replacing part of your lawn with low maintenance ground covers, planting beds, or gardens will add color and dimension to your landscape. Organic landscaper Donald Bishop will discuss the importance of the "right plant in the right place," as well as companion planting (plants that complement each other) and the benefits of compost. Lists of drought-tolerant and native plants will be provided
- **Organic Lawn Care, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, at CCHS**  
Organic landscaper Donald Bishop will explain the value of healthy soil to a lush green lawn. Topics will include: soil preparation and testing; choosing grasses with emphasis on pest and drought tolerance; and using organic fertilizers and soil amendments. Pests and organic management materials will be discussed
- **Irrigation Systems 101, 7 - 9 p.m., Wednesday, May 20 at CCHS**  
Certified irrigation auditor and contractor Ted Moriarty from the Smart Watering Company will guide you on how to properly maintain your irrigation system for maximum watering efficiency. Learn how to use your controller and develop an optimum watering schedule as well as easy do-it-yourself repairs.

Are you spending too much on water bills? Call 978-318-3259 to schedule a **water-use audit** at your home or place of business (in Concord), to schedule an **irrigation system check-up**, and to learn more about the **toilet replacement rebate** program.



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