

Word Wise About Water Wise

Many people use several “low-water-use” plant terms interchangeably, such as drought tolerant, water-wise, xeric, and native. While the meanings of these terms may overlap, there are some very significant differences. Understanding these differences is important for designing and maintaining successful low-water-use landscapes.

(Section 1) Reference Red Butte Garden [gardening information webpage](#) and paraphrase the definition of each of the following terms.

(Section 2) Based on information on that same webpage, answer the questions below.

(Section 3) Read up on Utah plants using the following links. Select and list plants you would incorporate in a plot along the Wasatch Front. Be able to defend your choices.

- a. [Wasatch Front Drought-Tolerant Native Plants](#)- this plant list was put together by the lead horticulturist at Red Butte Gardens, Lynsey Nielson.
 - b. [Utah Native Plant Society](#)- This site contains a list of Utah native shrubs, grasses, and flowers with descriptions, cultural information and pictures, meant to guide people in water-wise landscaping.
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SECTION 1

Water-Wise	
Drought Tolerant	
Native	
Xeric	

SECTION 2

1. Are all native plants water-wise? Explain.

2. What is hydrozoning?

SECTION 3

Name of Plant	Reason for Selection
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