



## KEY ELEMENTS OF A WATER WISE, EASY CARE GARDEN

- appropriate planning + garden design that understands user needs and site features and conditions
- soil analysis + improvement
- appropriate site preparation
- reduced use of chemicals and fertilisers
- appropriate plant selection for suitability to your area
- choose water wise, drought, frost and fire tolerant plants
- best practice planting techniques using water crystals
- practical and minimal, drought tolerant grassed areas
- increased use of lawn substitutes including native grasslands, permeable paving, mulched areas, paths and native gardens
- reduction in use of hard surfaces
- use of paving where you walk, stand or sit (permeable options that allow water penetration)
- increased use of surface materials that don't reflect and absorb heat
- increased use of shade
- creation of cool zones and mini oasis
- increased use of decorative pots and potted gardens
- integration of productive plants for food supply
- efficient watering + irrigation so plants receive water when and where they need it
- on site rain water harvesting, storm water and grey water re-use
- use of water saving practices, design principles and technologies
- mulching to retain moisture and suppress weeds
- appropriate maintenance
- an appreciation that climatic conditions will get tougher in future

