

# M *Castle Pines North* METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

*Providing the people, families, neighborhoods and small businesses of Castle Pines with clean, safe, reliable drinking water, renewable water, wastewater, storm water, parks and open space services in the most fiscally responsible manner, while serving as stewards of the community's water-related assets and Standard & Poor's AA and Moody's A1 bond ratings.*

— March 2013 —

## First Annual Xeriscape / WaterWise Landscape Contest

### I. Primary Objectives of Contest

- a) Promote and reward water conservation;
- b) Reduce outdoor irrigation and monthly water bills; and
- c) Encourage responsible, sustainable and beautiful Xeriscapes / WaterWise landscapes.

### II. Three Categories — Multiple Prizes

#### a) Resident/Homeowner Amateur Landscape Category

Current resident designs, plants and landscapes the Xeriscape / WaterWise garden area(s), thereby self-performing *most* of the work. \*

- 1) **First Place:** \$500 credit on water bill
- 2) **Second Place:** \$250 credit on water bill
- 3) **Three Honorable Mentions:** \$50 credit on water bill

#### b) Resident/Homeowner Professional Landscape Category

Current resident pays one or more professionals to design, plant and landscape the Xeriscape / WaterWise garden area. \*

- 1) **First Place:** \$500 credit on water bill
- 2) **Second Place:** \$250 credit on water bill
- 3) **Three Honorable Mentions:** \$50 credit on water bill

#### c) Homeowner Association (HOA) Common Areas Landscape Category

- 1) **First Place:** \$1,000 credit on HOA water bill
- 2) **Second Place:** \$500 credit on HOA water bill
- 3) **Three Honorable Mentions:** \$100 credit on HOA water bill

### III. Contest schedule

Official Announcement:	March 9, 2013
Entry Form w/ Photos Accepted:	July 1 through July 31, 2013
Judging:	August 2013
Announce Winners:	September 2013

### IV. Contestant Requirements

- a) **Customers Only.** Each residential and HOA contestant must be a Castle Pines North Metropolitan District customer. (Though not technically part of our Metropolitan District, the Hidden Pointe residents and HOA are valued customers and welcome to compete.)
- b) **Select one category** in which to compete. (Only one category/entry per residential address and only one entry per HOA.)
- c) **Minimum Square Footage.** Residential contestants must dedicate a *minimum* of 400 square feet *exclusively* to Xeriscape and/or WaterWise landscaping. HOA contestants must dedicate a *minimum* of 25% of the HOA's irrigated common areas **or** a *minimum* of 5,000 square feet of the HOA's irrigated common areas — whichever is greater.
- d) **Submit Contest Entry Form & Photos.** Each contestant must submit to the District the attached Contest Entry Form and 3 to 12 "before" and 3 to 12 "after" photos between **Monday, July 1, 2013** and **Wednesday, July 31, 2013**.

### V. Judges: Castle Pines North Metropolitan District's Caucus of Master Gardeners

▪ Harriette Einolf	11-year Forest Park Resident	7-year Master Gardener
▪ Carol Grant	17-year Retreat Resident	2-year Master Gardener
▪ Margaret Hayward	1-year Hidden Pointe Resident	10-year Master Gardener
▪ Ellie Landry	15-year Royal Hill Resident	6-year Master Gardener
▪ Judy Loser	6-year HOA 1 Resident	5-year Master Gardener
▪ Cathy Robinson	15-year Glen Oaks Resident	3-year Master Gardener

### VI. Primary Judging Criteria

- a) Use of Xeriscape techniques and WaterWise plants that reduce demand for outdoor watering;
- b) The degree to which Xeriscape / WaterWise area equals *or exceeds* 400 square feet;
- c) The total square footage reduction/elimination of Kentucky Bluegrass and/or other high-water-use sod/turf;
- d) The number and diversity of Xeriscape and WaterWise seedlings/vegetation integrated into the improved garden area(s); and
- e) Existing and future aesthetic value; to what degree did the contestant:
  - 1) plant beautiful, high-visual-impact Xeriscape and WaterWise vegetation that dispels the notion that Xeriscape / WaterWise gardens are drab and ugly;
  - 2) create a garden area that will convey visual interest and beauty year-round;

- 3) integrate a variety of Xeriscape and/or WaterWise vegetation (trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, groundcover, flowers, cacti, etc.); and
- 4) utilize height, scale, proportion, texture and color to create beautiful contrasts and aesthetically pleasing Xeriscaping and/or WaterWise landscaping that requires less water.

**VII. Important Insights & Friendly Advice:**

- a) Start planning to plant now! Optimal spring planting season usually runs from May through early June. After early-to-mid June, high temperatures will substantially increase the water required to establish newly planted seeds, seedlings, and transplants.
- b) Participate in our **Xeriscape / WaterWise Workshops & Lecture Series** at 8:00am at the Castle Pines North Community Center on the 2nd Saturday of each month, from March through September 2013. *(Participating may give you a competitive advantage!)*
- c) Please participate in the following water conservation opportunities:
  - 1) **Garden-in-a-Box;**
  - 2) **Outdoor Irrigation Efficiency Audit & Recommendations** for both homeowners and HOAs; and
  - 3) **Indoor Water Use Efficiency Audit & Recommendations** for homeowners.

For more information, please click on the blue button titled **Water Conservation Opportunities** in the upper left of our website homepage at [www.cpnmd.org](http://www.cpnmd.org).

## Please share this w/ household members & neighbors!

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\* An honor system will govern which category each residential contestant chooses. The Caucus of Master Gardeners, each of whom live in our community and together form the panel of judges for this contest, are volunteers, and possess neither the time nor the resources to verify the degree to which each contestant's entry is amateur or professional. For purposes of this contest, merely seeking advice from a horticulturist, greenhouse professional, master gardener, etc., to help select plants for your yard will not, by itself, constitute "professional help." To avoid any conflict of interest, judges may neither compete in nor help contestants prepare for this contest. We respectfully ask all contestants to avoid contacting judges directly. Please email your questions to Ken Smith at [ken@cpnmd.org](mailto:ken@cpnmd.org).



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# 2013 Xeriscape / WaterWise Landscape Contest Entry Form

(Please print! Fill in all that apply. One entry per household and one per HOA.)

I/we select the following category in which to compete (*please check only one*):

**CATEGORY #1**  Residential/Homeowner Amateur Landscape Category

**CATEGORY #2**  Residential/Homeowner Professional Landscape Category

Residential Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the subdivision, development and Homeowner Association in which your **home** is located:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY #3**  Homeowner Association (HOA) Common Areas Landscape Category

HOA Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total square footage of garden area(s) you are entering in this contest? \_\_\_\_\_

When were the Xeriscape / WaterWise improvements performed? \_\_\_\_\_

Please print out, complete and submit this Contest Entry Form (also available online at CPNMD.org) along with 3 to 12 “before” and 3 to 12 “after” photos between **Monday, July 1, 2013** and **Wednesday, July 31, 2013** to: Castle Pines North Metropolitan District, **Attn: Xeriscape / WaterWise Landscape Contest**, 7404 Yorkshire Drive, Castle Pines, CO 80108. Please email all questions to Ken Smith at ken@cpnmd.org.

# IMPORTANT ADDENDUM

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**(We almost forgot!)**

If possible, using both common and official Latin names, please submit a list of the Xeric and/or WaterWise plants that you use for this competition along with your 3 to 12 “before” photos and your 3 to 12 “after” photos. Submitting both common and Latin names will really help the Caucus of Master Gardeners fairly judge the contest and will help “level the playing field” for those who enter the contest with a newly planted garden that consists primarily of immature Xeric and/or WaterWise plantings. If necessary, please use an additional page.

	Common Name	Official Latin Name	# Planted
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