

Our in-house horticulturist/arborist, Craig Miller, dispenses practical advice for those seeking to simultaneously conserve water and grow thriving, high-visual-impact, drought-tolerant (xeriscape) gardens and landscapes. Please email your questions to craig@cpnmd.org.



LATE SEPTEMBER IS SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHUT-DOWN TIME



Because CPNMD's optimized irrigation season runs from May 15 to September 30, we ask that you please consider turning off your lawn irrigation system by September 30.

As cooler temperatures arrive in the fall, bluegrass lawns should be allowed to start moving into dormancy. Shutting off lawn irrigation will help promote that process. Trees, shrubs, and perennials will benefit from some watering through October and throughout the winter – see our handout [Caring for Trees in Dry Climates](#) on our website at cpnmd.org; click on **Xeriscape** under the **Water Conservation** tab.

Late fall and winter watering may not be necessary for established lawns. However, lawns started within the last year are especially susceptible to winter desiccation injury and may require supplemental winter irrigation.

XERIC PLANT OF THE MONTH



Vanderwolf's Limber Pine (*Pinus flexilis* 'Vanderwolf's Pyramid') has striking bluish-green needles blanketing uniform ascending branches, forming an upright pyramidal tree. This variety is an offspring of a moderately sized forest tree (Limber Pine) that is native to a large range of the Rocky Mountains, from Wyoming to New Mexico and into parts of California.

It adapts well to dry conditions in Colorado, both in semi-desert and mountain-foothill regions, where soils are thin and poor. A graceful single specimen for front yards, it grows slowly to a mature height of 20-25 feet, with a spread of 10-15 feet. Insect and disease resistant, it needs only occasional watering once established. Hardy to 8,500 feet elevation.



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**Saturday
 September 25
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