HOW TO CONSERVE WATER AND PRODUCE QUALITY LANDSCAPES IN NORTH TEXAS
Based on AgriLife’s Recommended Landscape Practices

1. PLAN AND DESIGN
   Evaluate your landscape options based on available space and sunlight. Group plants according to like water requirements.

2. ANALYZE SOIL
   Test your soil for nutrients and amend with organic matter for improved plant health and increased water absorption and holding capacity.

3. CHOOSE APPROPRIATE PLANTS
   Select native and adaptive plants that thrive in the North Texas climate and require less water.

4. CREATE PRACTICAL TURF AREAS
   Reduce turf areas and use water-conserving grass varieties appropriate for climate conditions.

5. IRRIGATE EFFICIENTLY
   Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation systems and regularly check your irrigation system for broken or misaligned sprinkler heads.

6. USE MULCH
   Apply 3-6 inches of mulch on your planting beds to combat weeds, retain water and moderate soil temperature.

7. MAINTAIN YOUR LANDSCAPE
   Mow grass to a height of 3 inches and don’t cut more than one-third of its length at one time.

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