This landscape shares some simple ideas for creating healthy, attractive yards and gardens without using municipal water. It was donated by local landscaping professionals who share the Town of Chino Valley's commitment to a sustainable future. Look around, take a break and learn about water conservation ideas.



#### Rainwater / Collection Tank

A 620 gal tank designed specifically for rainwater and made of food-grade, light-filtering polyethylene. Sized according to space and rainwater supply.

Supply Calculation a = Catchment Area b = Run-Off Coefficient c = Run-Off Coefficient c

#### 1 Gutter and Downspout

Water off the roof flows into gutters and downspouts. One goes to the collection tank, the other to a pipe under the sidewalk that flows to basins and plantings.

## 2 Filtration

Water flows from gutter to downspout to First Flush seperator, a filter that removes leaves. It then flows into a tank made of molded UV-stabilized, food-grade polyethylene.

### 3 Ground Vault

Contains an irrigation pump controlled by a rainwater meter that draws water from the bottom of tank. Below grade to prevent freezing.

#### **4** Tank Overflow Pipe

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When the tank is full, water overflows into pipe under the sidewalk and into the landscape basins, passively watering plants.



#### Mulch and Moisture

Mulch improves the moisture-holding ability of soil, boosting plant health. We also added organic fertilizer, soil inoculants and 1,000 earthworms to ensure long-term fertility.

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#### 5 Basins and Trenches

Dirt was removed to lower the grade and capture water. Leftover soil was amended with composted mulch. Water from the central basin overflows into the west basin or perforated pipe and leach rock trench to provide moisture to the plum tree's root zone.

#### 6 Irrigation Valves

Fed by a pressure pump to deliver rainwater through a drip irrigation system to new plants. After plants have become established, no irrigation will be needed.

#### 7 Plant Selection

Native and well-adapted plants with low water and maintenance requirements are used. In 2 to 5 years, plants will require no irrigation, except in case of drought.

## Town Hall and Library Demonstration Garden Chino Valley, AZ

## STRATEGY

In anticipation of a mandatory rainwater harvesting ordinance, The Town wanted a demonstration project to educate the public as well as research and gather data of the concept . Turf was removed, new drought tolerant landscaping planted, and active and passive rain systems were integrated and featured in the front yard of the town hall with this interpretive sign. Water budget basis: municipal water for establishment (2 yrs.) and rainwater for maintenance period (life of plant).

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Irrigation

Controller

control irrigation of new

controls watering to the

separately metered so

accurate water-use data.

the Town may collect

An existing irrigation

controller is used to

tree and shrub

plantings. It also

existing turf. Each

planting zone is

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AVG. ANNUAL PRECIPITATION: 11"

ACTIVE SYSTEM: 2000 s.f. portion of Asphalt shingle roof; Rain harvesting rainhead, 620 gal. Bushman slimline poly tank; 3/4 hp. Booster pump, in ground-vault metered and connected to irrigation system.

PASSIVE SYSTEM: Adjacent parking lot and rain tank overflow and roof run-off flows into regraded rocked, planted sediment basins, Multiple infiltration systems were used to self irrigate the landscape: leach rock trenches, bio-swale, level graded landscape basin.



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