WATER SMART DESIGN STATEMENT

This garden design is focused on creating an environment that enhances the quality of life for all members of the family, including the pets. It is conducive to a variety of outdoor experiences and promotes rewarding interactions between people, animals, and nature through tolerant plants, a smart irrigation system, paved patio areas for outdoor living, and pet-friendly amenities that combine to turn a garden for all seasons.

PREPARING YOUR SOIL

Healthy soil is vital to water conservation and a healthy environment.

Soil conditioning with organic amendments uses less water, less fertilizer, less pesticides. Indigendent garden centers are extremely knowledgeable about soil additives and testing.

SITE ARCHITECTURE/ OUTDOOR ROOMS

FRONT PATIO

Creating attractive outdoor room, flagstone or permeable paving reduces need for water and allows for slow drainage.

MORNING PATIO

Offers variety, a different perspective on the garden, a venue for socialization with the neighbors.

SUNSET PATIO

Family meals can be enjoyed in outdoor dining room.

LANDSCAPE WALLS

Architectural element in the landscape, adds to curb appeal, charm, and sense of privacy.

GRACIOUS ENTRY STOOP

Curved low walls welcome guests with open arms.

CURVED ENTRY WALK

Curved welcoming element invites guests to stroll through garden space from street parking to front door.

STORAGE YARD

Side of garage (no windows) is perfect for utility shed and garden storage.

BOTANICAL ELEMENTS

1. Accent Trees
   Adds shade, visual interest, and color.

2. Accent Shrubs
   Adds seasonal beauty to garden and curb interest and sense of connection to nature from the home.

3. Succulent Display/Wall
   Raised soil w/long lets you "show off" your favorite succulents.

4. Accent Vine
   Vine on trellis over garage door, adds charm and curb appeal year round.
   Vine on fence, softens the view.

SUSTAINABLE MEASURES

Solar panels on roof make the most of nature's gifts.

Water Hog Rain Barrels collect rainfall and gravity feeds water to garden.

Compost Bin

Coffee, banana peels, kitchen scraps can benefit garden soil through natural composting, boost productivity, and reduce need for fertilizers.

Gravel or Bark Mulch (2" layer)

Organic mulch holds moisture in soil, decomposes, aids nitrogen to soil naturally.

Raised Bed (vegetables/herbs)

Use special soil for cultivation of organic vegetables and herbs.

GARDEN TEXTURE AND PATTERNS

Stepping Stones

Provides interest and a visual clue that path is less important than a solid walkway.

Decorative pattern in concrete driveway, pattern can be cut into existing concrete for low cost way to add texture and interest.

Boulders

Add natural interest and provides focal point/use in the landscape composition.

Dry Riverbeds

Unifies the landscape with a "ribbon" of texture.

PET FRIENDLY ELEMENTS

Features that are pet friendly are becoming more common check with pet stores and garden centers.

K-9 Grass

Small patch of artificial turf offers soft and durable bedding for "naps".

Dog Run

Located on north side of house to provide shade, usually covered fence allows pet to see entire backyard.

Dog House

Provides sense of security, comfort, and protection from weather.

Raised Planter Box

Raised planters to minimize damage to plants from pet urination.

Canine "Patriot" Path

Covers path the perimeter of their territory so by keep a path that is plant free reduces damage to the landscape.