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Healthy Landscapes Make for Healthy People, Plants, Animals and Waterways

What we do in our landscapes has a direct effect on the health and wellness of the people, plants, animals and waterways to which we're all connected. The new River-Friendly Landscaping "Green Gardener at Home" ten-week training program, hosted by the Roseville Utility Exploration Center, 1501 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville, is a whole systems approach to gardening and landscaping that helps participants conserve water, reduce pollution and save money.

Taught by local gardening and landscaping professionals, workshop participants will "dive right in," receiving training in a variety of subjects, including soil health, irrigation, landscape design, edible gardens, integrated pest management, pruning, lawn care, California native and other plants appropriate for our region and more. Each week the program features a different topic with practical ways to design, grow and maintain a healthy landscape.

"The benefits associated with designing, installing and maintaining river-friendly landscapes – in addition to their beauty – are substantial," says Cheryl Buckwalter, owner of Landscape Liaisons and Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor. "In addition to saving water, time and money, a healthy landscape eliminates chemical runoff, protects local waterways, attracts wildlife, and reduces unnecessary maintenance."

The River-Friendly Landscaping "Green Gardener at Home" ten-week training program is a regional program sponsored by the Regional Water Authority, City of Roseville and River-Friendly Landscaping Coalition.

Workshop Topics, Dates and Times

- Introduction to River-Friendly Landscaping. Tues., Mar. 20. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Soils. Tues., Mar. 27. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Compost and Mulch. Tues., Apr. 3. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Irrigation. Tues., Apr. 10. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Landscape Design. Tues., Apr. 17. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Right Plant, Right Place. Tues., Apr. 24. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Edible Gardens. Tues., May 1. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Integrated Pest Management. Tues., May 8. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Pruning for Plant Health. Tues., May 15. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Lawn Care. Tues., May 22. 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Register for the 10-Week Workshop

Register for the River-Friendly Landscaping 10-week course by calling the Roseville Utility Exploration Center at (916) 746-1550. The fee is \$55 for Roseville residents and \$65 for general admission; course materials are included in the fee. More information on the Roseville Utility Exploration Center, including location, hours of operation and services can be found at www.roseville.ca.us/explore

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