

EARTHSMART Actions

Drought Tolerant Plant Search Data Sheet

Take a walk around your yard and your neighborhood and look for drought tolerant plants. Common adaptations of drought tolerant plants include:

- Small leaves
- Long narrow leaves
- Leaf needles
- Fleshy leaves
- Grey and silver leaves
- Woolly leaves
- Leathery foliage
- Waxy leaves
- Aromatic leaves
- Slow growth
- Underground storage

In your estimation, what percentage of plants in your yard are drought tolerant?

- Pretty much all if them
- More than half
- About half
- Less than half
- Pretty much none

Now explore your neighborhood. In your estimation, what percentage of homes (houses or apartment buildings) have some drought tolerant plants in their front yards?

- Pretty much all if them
- More than half
- About half
- Less than half
- Pretty much none

Which of the following water wise choices are you most likely to consider?

- Replace my lawn with water-wise plants
- Replace tropical plants with water-wise plants
- Replace landscaping with rocks or other permeable surface that does not need water
- Other...

Now head back home and complete the final step online to submit this information to your community leaders to help them plan for future improvements.