



## **October Meeting: Save Water, Nourish Your Soil** **Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> 11:45a.m. Room B251**

Our next meeting will be devoted to learning about native plants and xeriscaping, including site analysis, design, maintenance and much more, courtesy of Cynthia Reiners. Cynthia is an expert in native gardening. In our dry landscape, native plants will help you save water and restore soil productivity. [Zoom link.](#)

### **Interested in converting lawn to native plants?**

The average Colorado household uses more than half its water on landscaping. Many people are moving to remove thirsty lawns and replace them with native plants and grasses. Cynthia and Kathy are each converting a portion of their yard to native plants, using sheet mulching to kill the grass. [This 8 minute video shows you how to do it.](#)

Be sure to weigh down the cardboard with rocks, to keep it from blowing away. And consider circling the area with rebar and warning tape or rope to keep dogs out while the conversion is taking place. Questions? [Email us.](#)

### **Upcoming Meetings**

***Mark your calendar for our November and December meetings.***

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Brandon Krause will present on reducing our personal water use.

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Rev Amy Stapleton will address us about the links between the climate crisis and eco-justice.

### **Bishop's Webinar**

If you missed Mountain Sky Conference's webinar about living more sustainably, with MSC's Bishop Karen Olivieto, [you can see it here.](#) **Passcode: jk%A2g6H**

### **Don't Forget to Vote!**

Ballots should be in your mailbox soon. It's more important than ever that we elect candidates to state and federal positions that understand the climate crisis and will do something about it.

**Are you composting?**

This handy poster from Eco-Cycle, Boulder, can keep you composting cleanly

# THE DIRTY DOZEN OF COMPOSTING

**DO NOT COMPOST:**



**GLASS**



**PLASTIC**



**PLASTIC BAGS**

CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE BAGS OK



**PRODUCE TIES, TAGS, & DECALS**



**GLOVES**



**PLASTIC-COATED PAPER**



**CONDIMENT PACKETS**



**TO-GO CONTAINERS**  
NON-COMPOSTABLE



**PAPER WITH LABELS, TAPE, PLASTIC, ETC.**

When in doubt, keep it out, or give us a shout! 303.444.6634 • [recycle@ecocycle.org](mailto:recycle@ecocycle.org)

## Good news locally and from around the world

### **Castle Rock: New homes must use xeriscape.**

“Town council unanimously approved new requirements for developers of single-family homes to Coloradoscape front yards and incentivizes similar conservation-friendly landscaping in back yards at the Sept. 20 meeting. [Coloradoscape is a type of xeriscape](#) that utilizes native low-water plants and landscaping.” ---from the **Castle Rock News Press**

[Wax worm saliva rapidly breaks down plastic bags, scientists discover](#)

### **California offers to reduce water use from Lake Mead**

California recently offered to conserve 400,000 acre-feet, or 130 billion gallons, of water from Lake Mead annually from 2023 through 2026. Experts say it’s a good first step, but not nearly enough. – The Hill’s Energy and the Environment

[Read more.](#)

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