TRAINING GUIDES

SELECTING – RIGHT PLANT FOR THE RIGHT SPOT

TREES, SHRUBS, PERENNIALS

PLANTING

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WATERING

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

FULL SUN, PART SUN, SHADE, SHELTERED/PROTECTED, WELL DRAINING, MICROCLIMATE, HARDENING OFF, TENDER/MARGINAL, XERIC/XERISCAPE, DROUGHT TOLERANT, NATIVE, CULTIVAR/VARIETY, HARDINESS, CLIMATE ZONE, ANNUAL, BIENNIAL, PERENNIAL, DEADHEADING/GOING TO SEED, MYCORRHIZAE, THINNING, HARD PRUNE/CUT BACK, MULCH, COMPOST, CLAY, ROOTBOUND, ROOTBALL, HYDROZONE

WATER GARDENING

POND IN A POT, WATER FEATURE, POND (NATURAL/MANMADE), MARGINAL, OXYGENATOR, FLOATER, LILY, MEDIA, KEEPING WATER CLEAR, FISH, ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, WINTER CARE

CONTAINER GARDENING

SOIL, PLANT CHOICE, CONTAINER CHOICE, WATERING, OVERWINTERING

NEW TO COLORADO

STEPPE CLIMATE, WEATHER EXTREMES, SOIL COMPOSITION, HIGH UV, ELEVATION, SHRUBS AND TREES IN CONTAINERS, WATERING, PLANT SELECT, NATIVES

BASIC DESIGN ELEMENTS

COLOR, FORM, TEXTURE, SIZE, SEASONAL INTEREST, HYDROZONING, EXPOSURE

ATTRACTING POLLINATORS/ BENEFICIAL INSECTS?

SUN VS SHADE, BLOOM COLOR

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT? (“WHATS EATING MY PLANT AND WHAT DO I DO”)

PLANT HEALTH (PREVENTION), ACTION THRESHOLD, MONITOR/IDENTIFY INSECT, CONTROL METHODS (PHYSICAL VS CHEMICAL)

WATER WISE LANDSCAPING?

PLANNING/DESIGNING, EFFICIENT IRRIGATION, PLANT SELECTION

CO SOILS & FERTILIZING?

IDENTIFING SOIL TYPE (CLAY, LOAM, SAND), AMENDING, BUILDING INTEGRITY OF SOIL OVER TIME, MULCH, WHEN AND HOW OFTEN TO FERTILIZE, SOIL PH (ACIDITY & ALKALINITY), IMPORTANCE OF READING LABEL

PRUNING

LILAC, SPIREAS, BEST TIME, METHODS