

# Landscape Water Policy Statement



Thanksgiving Point



1. In urban areas the landscape is the environment, and thus should be fostered and maintained. Quality of life issues should be carefully balanced with other factors when considering landscape management.
2. Water conservation is realized by proper water management, even without changing the plants in the landscape.
3. People should have the freedom to choose their own landscapes and plants based on their personal choice and whether or not to purchase the necessary water to maintain them.
4. Education and appropriate water pricing, will result in the proper balance between conserving and beneficial use of water.
5. Water conservation should be shared by all water users, including the Green Industry.
6. Irrigation of landscapes does *not* waste water. Excessive or improper water use wastes water.

## Principles of Efficient Landscape Water Management

1. Planning and Design
2. Soil Improvement
3. Appropriate Plant Selection
4. Practical Turf Areas
5. Efficient Water Distribution & Scheduling
6. Mulching
7. Appropriate Maintenance