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More Chili and Cars...



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Scott Boyles holds both of his trophies after winning the hearts of the people and the judges with his chili.



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A variety of vintage cars were on display during KNND's Rock, Roll and Rumble car show Saturday.

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WATERWISE

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below). If you're watering manually, setting a timer can help you remember when to change the sprinkler or turn it off.

If you use an automatic system, be sure to set the timer so that you use less water in spring and fall. Don't "set it and forget it," Detweiler emphasized. Look for new smart controllers that use weather and other detailed information to deliver exactly the amount of water needed down to the day, time and amount. They can save up to 30 percent of water.

Soil: Create well-draining soil that provides a good environment for plants to get established. Whether your soil is sandy or contains mostly clay, adding organic matter will help improve aeration and water-holding capacity. For sandy soil, that will help keep water from draining through immediately. For clay soil, improving the soil will help water to drain better and keep plant roots from rotting. Water should move through the soil easily enough so that plant roots grow deeply and are able to access moisture

during dry times without a lot of supplemental irrigation. Water deeply and infrequently to encourage deep roots. More information is available from the publication *Improving Garden Soils with Organic Matter*.

Lawn: Plant only the amount of lawn for your needs – a place for children or dogs to play or a small area to set off garden beds. "Traditionally, yards are 90 percent lawn," Detweiler said. "Try cutting it down to 60 percent or 40 percent and leave more space for trees, shrubs and perennials." Use the most drought-tolerant grass and, if possible, change to lawn alternatives such as eco-lawns or ground covers like drought-tolerant woolly thyme that allows foot traffic.

Plant selection: When choosing plants, go beyond aesthetics to look at their mature size, sun and water requirements. Plant them in areas matched to their needs. Although automatic irrigation systems can be adjusted to water different plants in a bed at different rates, it's easier and more efficient to plant in "zones" that keep high-, medium- and

low-water plants together. Native plants can be the basis of a waterwise garden, but there are plenty of other low-water plants to choose from, Detweiler said. To determine good choices, check plant labels, ask nursery personnel and use references.

Mulch: Top dress soil with 2-4 inches of mulch. It will help keep the soil cool during hot weather and reduce evaporation, leaving more water in the soil for plant use. Mulch also helps keep weeds down and aids in erosion control. Whether you use organic mulch (wood chips, bark dust, etc.) or inorganic (gravel or small rocks) doesn't make a difference, Detweiler said. All of them help keep moisture in so it's a matter of personal preference.

Maintain: Keep your garden properly weeded, pruned, mowed, watered and fertilized and plants will be healthier and more suited to fend off insects and diseases. Monitor your garden often and address problems quickly with least-toxic methods. Healthy plants need less water.

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