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### Center for ReSource Conservation: Garden- in-a-box

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**Q.** I'm getting tired of planning and replanting a garden every spring. What can I do?

**A.** The good news is that you can plant a garden that will satisfy your seasonal need to be outside, AND will not require replanting each spring! The Center for ReSource conservation (CRC) is selling Garden-In-A-Box which is a pre-planned, low-water requiring garden that will bloom and flourish each year and provide the same gardening joys, with only the amount of attention you choose.

Garden-In-A-Box is a plant by number design. Go to [http://conservationcenter.org/w\\_Garden-in-a-box.htm](http://conservationcenter.org/w_Garden-in-a-box.htm) to see three gardens that are on sale this year. Each garden has 30-plus plants and comes with a diagram showing where to plant each plant. The garden design and plants are selected by a gardening expert. The planting diagram is part of a larger booklet listing information and care instructions for each plant. You can choose to prune back your plants in the fall, or propagate them to fill any open spaces.

These xeriscape gardens require consistent watering in their first year of establishment, but then will continue to grow year after year without the need for replanting, constant care, or regular watering. The CRC partners with local water providers to offer discounts on gardens for residents who receive water from partner water providers. You can also see this list on the CRC website.

The gardens are on sale at the CRC website and your pre-order can be picked up in May.

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