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## **Garden-In-A-Box Design Contest**

### **About the Design Contest**

We're excited to have a contest for a new Garden-In-A-Box design for 2010. Each year, we offer three designs; we try and include one new design each year. Past gardens have been designed by professionals in the field; this year we're excited to invite the creativity of a broader group of people. The design contest is open to anyone who wishes to enter.

The CRC will accept designs through Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2009. Designs will be evaluated by a committee of xeriscape experts and the winner will be notified in early January of 2010. The winner's name will be included in promotional materials for the program, including the CRC's website and brochures.

### **About Garden-In-A-Box**

Garden-In-A-Box is a water conservation program run by the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) in partnership with several Front Range municipalities. Through the program, the CRC sells low-cost, pre-planned xeric gardens to customers of participating water providers. These gardens help introduce people to xeriscaping by giving them a hands-on experience with a professionally designed garden. Each garden comes with 30 to 35 plants, a plant-by-numbers design, and maintenance and care instructions. For more information about Garden-In-A-Box and to see past designs, please visit [www.conservationscenter.org](http://www.conservationscenter.org).

### **Design Specifications**

- The garden should have roughly 30-35 plants
- The garden should cover roughly 100 square feet
- The garden should contain all low-water perennial plants

Preference will be given to gardens that contain plants that are available from local wholesale nurseries. A good database of such plants can be found on Little Valley Wholesale Nursery's website at [www.lvwn.com](http://www.lvwn.com). Plants for the gardens come in either 4" or 2¼" pots, depending on the price of the garden.

### **Please Include With Each Entry**

- A plant-by-numbers design (see website for examples)
- Plant list
- A name for the garden
- A brief (100 word maximum) description of the garden
- Your name and contact information

### **Notes**

If your design is chosen, we ask that you be available to answer questions about the design and discuss plant substitutions (if necessary) during the winter and spring of 2010. We occasionally need to substitute plants because of crop failures or other issues. Furthermore, by entering the design you give the CRC the right to use that design for the CRC's water conservation programs. Please submit designs via email or mail.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Woodward, the CRC's Water Division Director, at [jwoodward@conservationscenter.org](mailto:jwoodward@conservationscenter.org) or 303-999-3820 x 221.

Have fun!

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