

# Saving Water and \$\$\$ in Your Yard

Presented by the League of Women Voters of Billings  
Saturday, May 14, 2022 • 10:00—11:30 a.m.  
Billings Public Library Community Room

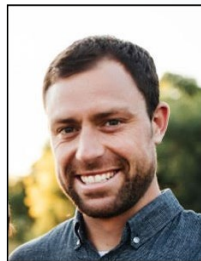
[50% of Montana is experiencing extreme drought conditions.](#) What is the responsible use of water in Billings? How much water do we use in our yards each summer and how can we reduce that?

Come to learn how to measure your water use, know your soil and the plants that thrive in it, and use gray water. Learn where to find water gauges, rain barrels, drip lines, landscaping products, and low water use sprinkler controllers.

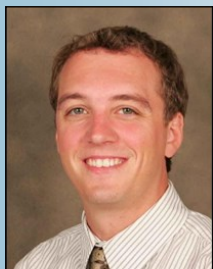
By learning more about sustainability and available water saving products and techniques, we can become advocates for conserving our Yellowstone River water resource and ecosystem.



**Why is saving water important?** **Susan Gilbertz, PhD.**, professor of Geography at MSU-Billings, will discuss Yellowstone River sustainability and how to move forward in ways that will allow future generations to live in a recognizably similar manner as we do now.



**How much water do I use in my yard?** **Louis Engels**, City of Billings Water Quality Superintendent, will share statistics on water use in Billings and introduce WaterSmart, your tool to help conserve water. Learn why water conservation is so important and what we can do to help Billings become a leader in water conservation.



**What changes can I make in my yard to use less water?** **Neil Kiner**, landscape architect and owner and operator of Second Nature Consulting, will provide an overview of steps needed to create landscaping that uses less water.



**Where do I get started?** **Sharon Wetsch**, master gardener, will identify resources for making better use of water in your yard.

———— **Additional experts and educational materials available at the event** ————

Second Nature Consulting    Master Gardener Program    MSU Extension Office  
North40 Agriculture    Canyon Creek Nursery

*Come for the information, networking, and door prizes.*

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