

## *Purissima Pipeline*

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***Don't forget!***

### **Water Saving Plantings with Color and Interest**

With horticulturalist and architect, **Stephanie Curtis**, of Curtis Horticulture

When: Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Town of Los Altos Hills Council Chambers

Light refreshments will be provided.

Increase the beauty of your landscape while you reduce your water bill. Drought tolerant plantings do not necessarily mean native plants (but it can include natives!). There is such a wide range of low water use plantings such as hedges and trees for screening, shrubs, vines, grasses, and so many more. It is possible to have virtually any garden aesthetic that you want, using plants that do well with minimal water application.

Please join us for this fun and informative event. Seating is limited so please reserve your spot by sending an email to Alexis Shields at [ashields@purissimawater.org](mailto:ashields@purissimawater.org). Be sure to include your name, call back number, and how many people in your party. You may also call the District office at (650) 948-1217 and talk with Alexis or leave her a message.

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It looks like the nice weather is here to stay, for the most part, and now is the time for the Water Conservation Specialist to rev-up on communicating the idea of properly managing your outside water use.

Irrigation controllers are not a "set it and leave it" type of mechanism (unless you have a smart controller). It is much too easy to waste water by overwatering when the irrigation system is not checked and updated periodically, especially when the weather fluctuates.

It is a misconception that a lawn needs water every day in the summer. It really doesn't! Nor should any lawn be watered for 20 minutes at a time, unless it is on an underground drip system.

If you are interested in learning more or would like an irrigation evaluation, please call me at (650) 948-1217 or email me at [ashields@purissimawater.org](mailto:ashields@purissimawater.org).

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