



New Mexico State

Los Alamos Cooperative Extension

Los Alamos Demonstration Garden Guiding Principles

The Los Alamos Demonstration Garden will be an educational and leisure resource for Los Alamos County by:

- implementing interactive, age-appropriate exhibits in the Demonstration Garden
- developing and utilizing leading edge resources and research information
- developing signature gardens and exhibits
- providing rotating gardens and exhibits
- permitting ease of access to the programs of the New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service
- working closely with New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardeners and the Los Alamos Parks Department
- integrating sustainable practice education into the exhibits and programs
- adhering rigorously to New Mexico State University's accessibility requirements



The Los Alamos Demonstration Garden will be a model of conservation and sustainable practice by:

- utilizing energy-and water-efficient Xeriscape techniques
- adhering to the principles of climate-appropriate design (drought tolerance and winter hardiness)
- utilizing alternative water sources for irrigation where possible (reclaimed water, etc.)
- focusing on local conditions, native plants and appropriate non-native, non-invasive ornamentals



The Los Alamos Demonstration Garden will communicate an attractive, enjoyable and memorable image by:

- providing relevant programs and services which respond to community needs through an ongoing community consultation process
- showcasing the beauty, creativity, and diversity of horticulture by blending aesthetic, educational and functional uses harmoniously
- designing attractive, low maintenance plantings
- appealing to all the senses
- allowing citizens to make use of the facilities for special events when possible
- being of "World Class" quality



The Los Alamos Demonstration Garden will respond to the natural site by:

- designing the garden to blend into the site through style, color and energy efficiency
- utilizing materials that are compatible with existing vegetative communities
- preserving undisturbed areas and permanent plantings (including trees, shrubs and woody perennials) by minimal impacts
- implementing wildlife-friendly habitat.

