

Before you get Started



Guide for California Friendly Landscaping



California-Friendly Demonstration Gardens

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California-Friendly Nurseries

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| Quality Growers
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www.cal-nativeplants.com |

Helpful Links

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| Calflora
www.calflora.org | Water Saver Home
www.H2ouse.org |
| California Native Plant Society
www.cnps.org | Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
www.bewaterwise.com |
| California Oaks Foundation
www.californiaoaks.org | Native Plants for a California Garden
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1. Limit and replace grass.
 2. Water grass early in the morning or at night.
 3. Water your lawn three to four times a week for 15 minutes at a time.
 4. Install solar panel lights.
 5. Create a non-grass area for outdoor furniture.
 6. Develop a landscape plan that takes into account time, budget, and maintenance.
 7. Use mulch around plants to eliminate water evaporation.
 5. Attend free landscaping classes at EVMWD.

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1. Limit or replace grass with California-friendly plants. Save up to 50 gallons per day per 1,000 square feet of landscape.
 2. Install drip irrigation. Save 15-20 gallons each time you water.
 3. Use a self-closing spray nozzle on your hose. Save up to 10 gallons each time you water.
 4. Install MP rotators for greater efficiency. Save up to 25 gallons each time you water.

- ### Water Saving Checklist:
- Mulch
 - MP Rotator Sprinklers
 - Weather Based Irrigation Controller
 - California-Friendly Plants
 - Drip Irrigation
 - Self-closing Hose Nozzle
 - Flower Pots
 - Solar Outdoor Lights
 - FREE Landscaping Class



SAVE with California-Friendly Landscapes! Update your landscape with drought-tolerant plants.

Flowering plants



Cleveland Sage (*Salvia clevelandii*)
Drought-tolerant native flower, needs very little water to flourish and can tolerate full sun. Can grow up to 3-4 feet tall and 10 feet wide.



Foothill Penstemon (*Penstemon heterophyllus*)
Purple flowering plant that thrives in dry conditions. Can also tolerate high summer temperatures.



Wild Lilac (*Ceanothus species*)
Evergreen shrub with rich blue flowers that can be used for ground cover. Requires full sun and little water.



California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*)
Blooms throughout the summer and grows well anywhere. Drought-tolerant and requires little water.



Monkey Flower (*Mimulus brevipes*)
Native to the mountains and foothills of Southern California. Grows well in open areas and hillsides and requires little water.



Yellow Daylily (*Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus*)
Grows easily and established plants can bloom daily throughout the year. Drought resistant and can tolerate most light conditions.



Bougainvillea
Flowering plant that blooms for the majority of the year. Great for walls, fences and planters. Grows best in dry soil and requires little water once established.



California Wildrose (*Rosa californica*)
Native to California with fragrant blooms during the summer. Drought-tolerant in shady conditions, requires moderate water in full sun.



Rockrose (*Cistus species*)
A shrub that features white or pink flowers and grows well in poor soils. Accustomed to dry and sunny habitats, needs full sun and little water.

Low Water-Use Turf



Seashore Paspalum (*Paspalum vaginatum*)
Warm-season grass which grows quickly after 14 days. Requires little water.



St Augustine Grass (*Stenotaphrum secundatum*)
Broader blade warm-season grass. Grows quickly during the summer and slows down in late autumn/winter. Requires little water to grow.



U. C. Verde Buffalo Grass (*Buchloe dactyloides*)
Warm-season grass, requires 75% less water compared to other varieties.



Zoysia Grass (*Zoysia japonica*)
Medium textured drought-tolerant grass. Requires full sun or minimal shade and water weekly.

Trees



Australian Willow (*Geijera parviflora*)
A tall evergreen tree ideal for providing shade. Requires full sun and well-drained soil, can tolerate dry conditions. Can grow up to 25-30 feet.



Chitalpa (*Chitalpa tashkentensis*)
A beautiful pinkish white flowering tree that blooms from spring to summer. Requires full sun and little water. Can grow up to 20-30 feet.



Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*)
A drought-tolerant flowering tree. Grows 10-25 feet and requires full sun and average water.



Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus unedo*)
A small evergreen tree that produces small white flowers and edible fruit. Requires full sun and little water. Can grow up to 10-12 feet tall.

Shrubs



Coffeeberry (*Rhamnus californica*)
A fast-growing native evergreen shrub that is hardy in both hot and cold climates. Requires little water, does well in full sun and half shade. Available in different varieties and sizes.



Deer Grass (*Muhlenbergia rigens*)
A California native bunchgrass that is easy to grow and is highly tolerant of high temperatures and drought conditions.



Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos species*)
A native evergreen shrub found throughout the west coast and southwestern deserts. Prefers full sun, highly drought-tolerant. Grows up to five feet tall with beautiful dark red bark.



Sugar Bush (*Rhus ovata*)
This large native evergreen shrub has small white flowers and berries; requires full sun and very little to no water. Can grow up to 5-15 feet tall.