



# It's Fall Planting Season



Check out the Monterey County WaterWise Landscaping Website! Here you'll find free resources to help you with WaterWise landscaping design, irrigation, and maintenance.

Explore beautiful, sustainable, climate-appropriate, drought-tolerant plants, trees, and grasses that thrive in Monterey County.

Here are some of the resources available to you:



Mission View Garden



Pasador Paradise



Pacific View Garden



Carmel Comfort Garden



Salinas Hills Garden



Highlands Hillside Garden

## Gain inspiration from virtual gardens

Visit exemplary gardens in the comfort of your own home with these virtual garden tours.

### [Garden Tours](#)



Ornamental Grasses & Clumping Plants



California Native Plants



Lawn Substitutes



Screens and Hedges



Attracts Butterflies



Attracts Birds

## Search for plants by different categories

Explore plant lists that highlight lawn substitutes, California natives, sandy soil plants, shade plants, ground covers, and more!

### [Plant Lists](#)

## Create your own plant lists

Once you've found your favorite plant, click to +add that plant to your private list that you can print and take to your favorite nursery.

Iris Pacific Coast Hybrid 'Canyon Snow'  
Iris 'Canyon Snow'



## Personalized List

**GREEN GARDENS HEALTHY CREEKS  
SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING FUNDAMENTALS**

**What is Sustainable Landscaping?**  
Sustainable landscaping is a term coined to mean sensible landscape practices that operate within the limits of the Ecosystem. These landscape practices work within the limits of your local rainfall, soil conditions and sun patterns. When designed correctly, a sustainable landscape will not only be beautiful but will need a bare minimum of additional resources in the form of water and soil amendment to be vital and attractive.

A sustainable landscape is free of toxins and chemical fertilizers that have proven to be so damaging to the watershed when concentrated after rainstorms. In a word, sustainable landscaping is nothing other than doing things as closely as possible with our natural system which makes the garden self-sustaining, hence sustainable.

Typical landscapes feature large turf areas that require gas powered or electric powered equipment to maintain. Plants sold at the local nursery are often planted in inappropriate places without consideration of their sun, soil and water needs. Conventional landscaping destroys soil and plant health by employing chemical fertilizers and pesticides to solve problems. Rain and irrigation water concentrate and transport these chemicals down street gutters and into community storm drains, which carry them down stream, creating a toxic brew.

This pollution is harmful to wildlife and ultimately, ourselves. Water conservation is critical to sustainability. Water is one of our most precious resources and nationally, the average water wasted

**Save Money:**

- Lower water bill
- Reduced maintenance costs
- Reduced costs from purchasing pesticides and fertilizers
- Reduced energy costs from power equipment

**Sustainable Garden**

**Hidden Benefits:**

- Entertainment factor of the ever changing landscape
- Habitat creation for birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects
- Teach children how to landscape responsibly
- Page 2- Steps to creating a sustainable landscape

## Learn about landscaping fundamentals

Keep your garden healthy!

Brief fact sheets are available to help you get started turning your garden space into a sustainable landscape and increase its beauty at the same time.

### Fact Sheets

**The Water Calculator**

Monterey County

[+ Add a Landscape Area](#) [Stay Updated](#) [Help](#) [Print](#) [How to Reset Your Controls Values](#)

**Results**

**Front Garden**

Settings: General Plantings, Sandy Loam, Stage Stream Robots, Shady Area

Controller Settings

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Watering Days per Week	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
Minutes per Cycle	11	27	22	29	21	35	34	21	17	21	29	11
Cycles per Day	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	3	1	1	1
Est. Gallons Used	183 - 276	225 - 337	366 - 550	483 - 725	525 - 787	583 - 875	566 - 850	525 - 787	425 - 637	300 - 505	241 - 362	183 - 275

## Create your own custom irrigation schedule

On average, half the water used outdoors is wasted. Try the water calculator to get a personalized watering schedule to avoid overwatering your landscape.

### The Water Calculator

Start exploring the WaterWise Landscaping Website, and learn more landscaping tips by clicking the button below!

Visit the WaterWise Landscaping Website

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