



Check Out These Great Lawn Alternatives

Given the drought emergency, Marina Coast is in Stage 2 of our water shortage contingency plan pursuing a 20% voluntary water use reduction.

To help achieve this goal, we have incentive programs for replacing all or part of your lawn with low water use landscaping or artificial grass.



Lawn and Sprinkler Replacement Incentives

For homeowners with lawns, approximately 50% or more of their water use can go to landscaping. The required frequent irrigation of lawns often lifts much of our customers water usage into the highest water cost tier. Watering a large lawn can be expensive.

The replacement of your lawn with drought tolerant plants can reduce landscape water demand by approximately 77%! More water savings can be achieved by replacing lawns with zero water use alternative landscape materials like decorative rock and artificial grass.

Many kinds of water-wise plants are available as attractive alternatives to lawns. Often, these lawn alternatives perform better than lawn and can provide the same lush look with some additional color and texture.

Below are some great drought tolerant lawn alternatives that can help conserve water while still maintaining a successful and appealing landscape.

Hardy, Tough Lawn Alternatives

These plants are well suited to thrive during times of drought and in our challenging coastal conditions.



Myoporum



Shore Juniper



Coprosma

California Native Ground Covers

Plants native to California naturally thrive in the soils, moisture and weather. Native plants also assist in managing rain water runoff and maintain healthy soil as their root systems are deep and keep soil from being compacted.



Manzanita



Coyote Bush



Ceanothus

Ground Covers with Color

Add color and interest to your landscape with these popular plants.



Lantana



Pink Ice Plant



Correa

To view more lawn alternatives, drought tolerant plants, and California native plants, please visit

[Monterey County Waterwise Landscaping.](#)

[Stepables.com](#) is another great resource to find low and very low-

growing lawn alternatives.

MCWD Landscape Incentives

[Evapotranspiration-based irrigation Controller Rebate](#)

[Rain or Soil Moisture Shut-off Switch Rebate](#)

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