

Is Your Landscape a Monterey Bay Friendly Garden?

- Implement 10 required practices
- Certify your landscape
- Become eligible for discounts & incentives!



Monterey Bay Friendly Landscape Certification Requirements*

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2	Space Plants Appropriately and Practice Natural Pruning	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete, Looks great!	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep working on it!
3	Don't Plant a Pest! Remove Invasive Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete, Looks great!	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep working on it!
4	Grow Drought Tolerant and California Native Plants	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete, Looks great!	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep working on it!
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6	Practice Weather-Based Irrigation Scheduling	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete, Looks great!	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep working on it!
7	Replace Spray Irrigation with Drip Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete, Looks great!	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep working on it!
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9	When it Rains..Slow it, Spread it, Sink it!	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete, Looks great!	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep working on it!
10	Use Ecological Landscape Maintenance Methods	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete, Looks great!	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep working on it!

*Requirement details available on the back side of this checklist

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Implement these practices to receive your Monterey Bay Friendly Landscape Yard Art Sign and Discount Card



1 Use Mulch and Compost to Create Healthy, Permeable Soil

Cover soil with 2-4 inches of recycled green waste mulch. Amend soil with 1" of organic compost at planting time.

2 Space Plants Appropriately and Practice Natural Pruning to Minimize Green Waste

Plants that have been sheared, boxed or topped should be restored to their natural shape or replaced with plants that will fit into the space when they are fully grown.

3 Don't Plant a Pest

Remove invasive plant species. See a list at: www.cal-ipc.org.

4 Grow Drought Tolerant and California Native Plants

Plant low-water plants that thrive in summer-dry climates in at least 75% of your total landscaped area. Consider watering thirsty plants like vegetables, fruit trees, and flowers with greywater or rainwater.

5 Lose Your Non-Functional Lawn

A lawn that is only planted for looks is non-functional and is the biggest water user in the landscape! Limit functional turf areas where people play to no more than 25% of your total landscaped area.

6 Practice Weather-Based Irrigation Scheduling

Install a rain sensor on your irrigation controller and program a weather-based irrigation schedule OR Install an EPA WaterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controller.

7 Replace Spray Irrigation with Drip Irrigation

In all non-turf areas and areas less than 10' wide.

8 Remove Sprinklers near Sidewalks and Driveways

Sprinklers must be set back 24" away from non-permeable surfaces, unless irrigation run-off drains into a landscaped or permeable area.

9 When it Rains....Slow it, Spread it, Sink it!

Implement at least one ecological stormwater management practice. Possibilities include harvesting rainwater in cisterns or rain barrels, directing roof downspouts into the landscape, directing stormwater to a rain garden, swale, or dry creek bed, or replacing cement or asphalt pavement with permeable pavement.

10 Use Ecological Landscape Maintenance Methods

Sign a Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping maintenance agreement with your landscape maintenance provider. Download the agreement at www.green-gardener.org.