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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Save Money • Use Less Water • Harvest The Rain

Learn more at [www.green-gardener.org](http://www.green-gardener.org)
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.

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.

Don’t Plant a Pest
Remove invasive plant species. See a list at: www.cal-ipc.org.

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.

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.

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.

Replace Spray Irrigation with Drip Irrigation
In all non-turf areas and areas less than 10’ wide.

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.

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.

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.