

Landscaping for the California Lifestyle

Are you ready to upgrade to an easy-care and water-wise garden? Featured in this brochure are just a few examples of attractive plants, trees, and shrubs that also help conserve water. We hope you are inspired by the exhibit. Use this guide to get started on selecting plants that are natural picks for you *and* for California.

Select water-wise plants.

Year-round beauty in your yard is achieved by creating a balance between plants, trees, and shrubs. Many of them also live in harmony with California's naturally dry climate. Trees and shrubs provide necessary height and structure. Ornamental grasses and plants with colorful foliage provide vibrancy when flowering plants are not in bloom. Evergreens keep your garden looking fresh through every season.

Add landscape elements.

A grouping of boulders, a dry creek bed, meandering pathways and stepping stones add delightful focal points without requiring any water at all! Cover the area with permeable pavers so water can naturally filter into the ground below. Add some seating, relax or entertain, and relish your new California-style, low-maintenance space.

GROUNDCOVERS



Emerald Carpet
Arctostaphylos

Trailing Lantana
Lantana sellowiana

Creeping Myoporum
Myoporum parvifolium



Blue Pacific Shore Juniper
Juniperus conferta

Trailing Verbena
Verbena

Yellow Evening Primrose
Calylophus drummondii

SMALL-MEDIUM PERENNIALS

Coreopsis
Coreopsis
(all varieties)

Flower Carpet Rose
Rosa

Blue Sage
Salvia
"Mystic Spires"

Barberry
Berberis thunbergii
(all varieties)

Beard Tongue
Penstemon
(all varieties)

Salvia, Graham's Sage
Salvia microphylla
(all varieties)

MEDIUM-TALL SHRUBS

Leucadendron
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(all varieties)

Rock Rose
Cistus
(all varieties)

Grevillea
Grevillea
(all varieties)

Toyon
Heteromeles arbutifolia



Texas Ranger
Leucophyllum frutescens

SMALL-MEDIUM TREES

Smoke Tree
Cotinus coggygria
"Golden Spirit"

Chaste Tree
Vitex agnus-castus

Dwarf Deodar Cedar
Cedrus deodara
"Feelin' Sunny"

Pomegranate
Punica granatum

Western Redbud
Cercis occidentalis



Find plants made for the shade.

If you have a yard with established trees, it's not difficult to find shade-loving plants that need little watering to stay healthy underneath their canopies. Water infrequently, but deeply, to ensure your trees and these low-light plants thrive. Bring life and style to your shady yard by choosing some of the many plants like the ones you see below.



Winter Daphne
Daphne odora
(all varieties)



Coral Bells
Heuchera
(all varieties)



Columbine
Aquilegia
(all varieties)



Japanese Holly Fern
Cyrtomium falcatum

Resources

For a step-by-step guide on how to transform your unused lawn areas to a water-wise landscape, visit the *Creating Water-wise and Edible Gardens* outside in the State Fair Farm, or visit this website:

www.water.ca.gov/turf/statefair

For information on turf rebates, go to:

www.saveourwaterrebates.com



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