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# Plant *California-friendly* Landscaping *in Your* Neighborhood

Local Water



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## SUMMARY

Water is our most precious natural resource. Yet **nearly 70 percent of potable water is currently used for landscape irrigation**. Planting a California friendly and native landscape is beautiful and requires minimal (or no) water use. Just plant along the parkways, medians, and other open space areas in your neighborhood to help conserve and make Los Angeles a more resilient, self-sufficient, and sustainable city.

## BENEFITS

- Save 8,000 gallons of water per year per every 1,000 square foot lawn, which is enough to fill 200 bathtubs.
- Save money on your water bill.
- Create habitat for natural wildlife.
- Keep chemicals out of your neighborhood by avoiding fertilizers and other harmful toxins.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION:

## Access landscaping resources

Visit [Ladwp.cafriendlylandscaping.com](http://Ladwp.cafriendlylandscaping.com) to access design templates, take virtual tours of drought-tolerant gardens, review available plant species, and read up on maintenance tips.

## Learn more about turf replacement

Watch these [videos](#) to help with a parkway turf replacement.

## Learn about rebates

Learn more about the available rebates for turf replacements with sustainable landscape at [Ladwp.com/landscaping](http://Ladwp.com/landscaping). Apply online at [SoCalWaterSmart.com](http://SoCalWaterSmart.com).

Keep in mind that parkways (the area between the curb and the sidewalk) and front/side/back yards have different program requirements.

## Host a landscaping workshop

Sign up to host a sustainable landscape [workshop](#) with your neighbors.



# HELPFUL TIPS AND LINKS

Plants must be drought-tolerant or native to California; low-growing, groundcover-type plants are highly recommended.

The following plants and materials do not qualify to receive a rebate in the parkway:

- Turf or turf-looking grasses;
- Plants with exposed rigid spines or thorns;
- Poisonous, noxious, or invasive plants;
- Vegetable/fruit gardens; and
- All other non-vegetative material including gravel, cement, decomposed granite, bark, pavers, cobblestone, sand, and synthetic/artificial turf.

For more information, call the LADWP Water Conservation Group at 1-800-544-4498 and dial 5 when prompted.

[Download a Project Checklist for front, back, and side yard projects](#)

[Download a Sample Planting Plan](#)

Consider using [parkway guidelines](#) to develop a simple parkway project

Find Information on getting involved with [LAUSD's Garden Program](#).

[Learn How to Adopt a Median](#)

[Learn How to Certify Your Project as a Wildlife Habitat](#)

## Use the MyLA311 App

With the MyLA311 app, City information and services are just a few taps away. Access your watering days, water conservation tips, additional rebates, and more on the app. You can also use the app to quickly and easily request the City's most popular services, including graffiti removal, pothole repair, and bulky-item pickup.

Download the MyLA311 app for [Android](#) or [iPhone](#) or submit requests using the [MyLA311 website](#).

# PARTNERS

Below are some L.A.-based organizations working in the urban tree space. If you know of other organizations that should be included, please email [sustainability@lacity.org](mailto:sustainability@lacity.org).



## Theodore Payne Foundation

Theodore Payne Foundation inspires and educates Southern Californians about the beauty and ecological benefits of California native plant landscapes.

[Theodorepayne.org](http://Theodorepayne.org)

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