

WATERWISE GARDENING



A waterwise garden is one that conserves water, uses soil amendments and mulches to inhibit water loss and utilizes plants that can survive and even thrive during long periods of little or no rainfall.

Here are some steps to take to achieve a Waterwise Garden:

1. MAKE HEALTHY SOIL

- Improve the soil's texture and water saving qualities by digging in soil amendments like Sea Soil, Soil Energizer, manures or peat moss.

2. MULCH

- Apply mulch to the soil's surface around the plants to prevent evaporation and keep plants roots cool and moist.
- Use Bark Mulch, Sea Soil, Mushroom Manure, your own compost or composted leaves.

3. WATER DEEPLY & LESS OFTEN

- When you water deeply roots are forced to descend deep into the soil following the water.
- Water early in the morning or in early evening on your designated watering days.
- Use soaker hoses or hoses that 'weep' water close to the ground. These use at least 50% less water than an overhead sprinkler and do the same job.

4. COLLECT RAINWATER

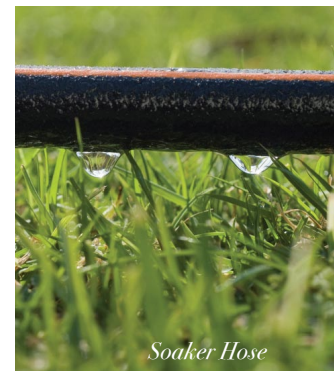
- Collect rainwater in one or more large vessels and use it to water the garden.

5. SELECT THE RIGHT PLANTS

- Choose the plants that require less water and are able to tolerate long spells of heat.

- Plant new plants correctly using the guidelines in Our Plant for Success pamphlet.

Note: *New plantings should be cared for and watered well for one or two years until roots are well established.*



SHRUBS

Strawberry Tree, Butterfly Bush, Bluebeard, California Lilac, Rock Rose, Junipers, New Zealand Flax, Potentilla, Hardy Rose, Rosemary, Spanish Broom, Spiraea, Yucca.

PERENNIALS

Yarrow, Wormwood, Tickseed, Ice Plant, Sea Holly, Euphorbia, Rock Rose, Red-Hot Poker, Lavenders, Sea Lavender, Russian Sage, Black-eyed Susan, Salvia, Lavender Cotton, Sedums, Hens & Chicks, Shasta Daisy.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Feather Reed Grass, Bronze Hair Sedge, Orange New Zealand Sedge, Pampass Grass, Blue Fescue, Blue Oat Grass, Miscanthus varieties, Maiden Grass, Switch Grass, Fountain Grass.

GROUNDCOVERS

Kinnickinnik, Point Reyes Creeper, Snow-in-Summer, Bear-berry Cotoneaster, Ice Plant, Barrenwort, Donkey-tail Spurge, St. John's Wort, Blue Carpet Juniper, Blue Star Juniper, Dwarf Mugo Pine, Rosemary 'Huntington Carpet', Emerald Carpet Creeper, Salvia officinalis, Ornamental Culinary Sage, Sedums, Hens & Chicks, Creeping Thyme varieties.

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