

# The Green Garden Academy

**One Saturday per month in 2010, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Main Library Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.**

Join us for The Green Garden Academy, the official school of sustainable gardening! This 12-part monthly series of classes is for Santa Monica gardeners who want to grow a beautiful, worry-free garden that will last for years. Each class walks participants through a different topic to help make your garden a huge success and the envy of your neighbors.

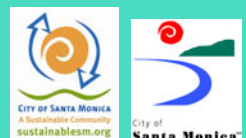
Taught by Russell Ackerman, ecological landscape design and water resource conservation expert, the classes will be held monthly in the Main Library's Multipurpose Room. Participants can earn up to 34 total class units; 17 units are needed to graduate. Join in this fun and informative series at any time.

Register at:

<http://greengardenacademy.eventbrite.com>



Classes are free and open to the public. Class space is limited; registration begins October 1, 2009 at <http://greengardenacademy.eventbrite.com>. For more info about this series, visit [www.sustainablesm.org/landscape](http://www.sustainablesm.org/landscape) or call (310) 458-8972. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration (310) 458-8606 one week prior to events.



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## Class Schedule

### **January 23 - Introduction to Sustainable Landscape Design and the Green Garden Academy**

Learn the basic principles of sustainable landscaping, and get on the road to a beautiful garden. Find out how to apply for the City's landscape grant program. Local landscape and irrigation requirements will also be covered. (4 units)

### **February 20 - Lawn Be Gone, Part I**

Learn tips for safe lawn removal, how to choose plants to replace lawn, and the best plants for parkways. (3 units)

### **March 20 - Compost Workshop**

Learn the ins and outs of compost, and how to build a worry free compost pile. Discover easy soil building techniques by finding out what soil you have and how to improve it. (3 units)

### **April 17 - Plant Palette: Mediterranean Plants**

Think you can only plant California natives to be sustainable? Think again! Learn to choose climate-appropriate plants from the Mediterranean plant palette that offer a variety of colors, textures, and fragrance. (3 units)

### **May 15 - Edible Landscaping**

Learn how to incorporate edibles into your garden, including raised vegetable beds and planters. Discover special planting tips to maximize your yield. (2 units)

### **June 12 - "No Sweat" Garden Maintenance Tips**

A green garden requires 60% less maintenance. Find out the secrets to reducing your garden chores and increasing your garden enjoyment. Learn how and when to prune your plants, how to select a mulch, how to handle pests, and when to add compost. (3 units)

### **July 10 - Water Wise Irrigation**

Learn how and when to water your plants, including how to program your controller. Discover the basics of water wise irrigation; find out about irrigation systems that meet local requirements including drip irrigation, subsurface irrigation, and rotary spray heads. You'll also learn about the vital interaction between plants, soil and water. (4 units)

### **August 21 - Lawn Be Gone, Part II**

Building on Part I, learn more about successful conversions to lawn alternatives and tips for safe lawn removal. Discover how to maintain and irrigate groundcovers. (3 units)

### **September 18 - Bird and Butterfly Gardens**

Learn to create a beautiful habitat for attracting birds, butterflies, and other good bugs. Also find out how you can reduce your maintenance and chemical use in the garden. Discover the secrets of building a healthy garden. (3 units)

### **October 16 - Plant Palette: Native Plants**

Learn to choose climate-appropriate plants from our California native plant palette that offer a variety of colors, textures, and fragrance. A must for the native garden enthusiast! (4 units)

### **November 13 - Showers to Flowers**

Learn the proper use of gray water in your garden, and how to harvest and use rainwater. Find out about permeable paving options, too. (2 units)

### **December 11 - Green Garden Academy Graduation**

Green Thumbs Up Award Ceremony: receive your diploma and a "Commitment to Sustainability Award."