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Sustainable Landscape Professional (SLP) Program – 2009

Program Background

Southern California is in a water crisis. Much of our water is wasted by inefficient irrigation systems and plants that are not adapted for our climate. The Southern California landscaping industry has become more serious about intelligent water use in recent years. One rapidly emerging aspect of this is an increasing emphasis on development of a true certification system and several promising new programs have emerged and been recognized by the *WaterSense* program of the US Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, the City of Santa Monica's *Office of Sustainability and the Environment (OS&E)* provides several programs to help train members of our professional and local community to use water more efficiently in their landscapes.

In 2006, in response to our local community's increasing desire for recognized levels of professionalism, the OS&E began the Sustainable Landscape Professional Program (the "SLP Program") as a way to share pertinent information about sustainable landscaping. This information includes the latest technologies in water-efficient irrigation systems, smart irrigation controllers, climate appropriate plants, rainwater harvesting, permeable paving and more. From this, a list of professionals was created and is distributed via the web and upon request to clients interested in installing sustainable landscapes. This is called the "SLP" list. "SLP Program" requirements have changed since January 1, 2009. All members will be required to have a third party water management certification. (see Program requirements)

Program Benefits

- Free marketing for your company – your name appears on a list that's distributed via the web, at community events and upon request.
- Free hands-on educational workshops: drip irrigation, smart irrigation controllers, soils, etc.
- Limited Rebates up to \$1,500 [per member currently listed on the City's SLP list] on qualified products installed in Santa Monica, such as drip irrigation and irrigation valves.
- Monthly newsletter to keep up-to-date on the latest technologies and policies
- Networking with other professionals that are dedicated to making a difference.

Who's Eligible?

Landscape professionals: landscape designers, landscape architects, general contractors, maintenance contractors.

Calendar of Classes

***** All classes are free*****

Jan 13th, 2009

~ Sustainable Landscape Professional Workshop for people interested in being part of our Program

Jan 27th, 2009

~ Sustainable Landscape Professional “Policy” Session for people interested in being part of our Program and for those continuing the Program

Feb 10th, 2009

~ Lawn Alternatives

March 10th, 2009

~ Plant, Soil and Water Relationships

April 7th, 2009

~ Water Wise Irrigation

May 12th, 2009

~ Weather Based Irrigation Controllers

June 9th, 2009

~ Alternative Water Sources: graywater/cisterns

July 14th, 2009

~ Sustainable Landscape Professional Workshop for people interested in being part of our Program

July (date TBA), 2009

~ Sustainable Landscape Professional “Policy” Session for people interested in being part of our Program and for those continuing the Program

August 11th, 2009

~ Permeable Hardscapes

September 8th, 2009

~ Transition to Sustainable Landscaping – SPANISH ONLY

October 13th, 2008

~ Drip Irrigation Workshop

Class Registration Information

Contact Information

City of Santa Monica (310) 458-8972 or www.sustainable-sm.org/landscape

To sign-up for workshops: Santa Monica College (310) 434-3400 or www.smc.edu

Program Requirements

1. Santa Monica Business License
2. Appropriate Professional License, if applicable
3. Attend a two-day City sponsored workshop on the principles of sustainable landscaping, local codes and policies, funding opportunities, and irrigation technologies. Two of these seminars are held yearly. You must attend a 2 day seminar at least once per year.
4. As of January 1, 2009 you must be certified or in the process of certification with one or more of the following:

Irrigation Association (IA)

<http://www.irrigation.org/certification/default.aspx?pg=programs.htm&id=93>

*Certified Irrigation Designer**

*Certified Irrigation Contractor**

*Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor**

Certified Landscape Irrigation Manager

Certified Water Conservation Manager – Landscape

* EPA WaterSense approved as of 5/23/07

California Landscape Contractor's Association CLCA

<http://www.clca.us/water/index.html>

Certified Water Manager

Rebate Programs

SoCal Water\$mart Program 1-888-376-3314 or
www.conservationrebates.com

For Single Family Properties; Available to all Landscape Professionals

- ~ Rotary nozzles for spray heads – up to \$6 each
- ~ Synthetic Turf - \$0.30 per ft²
- ~ Smart Controllers Rebates start at \$200/controller for 12 stations or less; \$630/controller for more than 1 acre of landscape; Eligible models must be SWAT-tested and approved

Save A Buck Rebate Program 1-877-728-2282 or www.mwdsaveabuck.com

For commercial or multi-family property – Available to all Landscape Professionals

- ~ Rotary nozzles for spray heads – up to \$6 each; 25 nozzle min
- ~ Synthetic Turf - \$0.30 per ft²; \$13,000 per acre
- ~ High Efficiency Nozzles for Large Rotary Sprinkler Retrofits – \$13 per set; 8 set min
- ~ Smart Controllers - \$630 per irrigated acre

BaySaver Rebate Program 1-866-728-3229

www.smeprd.org/rebates

~Sustainable Landscape Professionals Rebate Plan

Subject to limitations described below, OS&E will rebate 50% of the cost of the following items up to a maximum rebate of \$250 per item:

- ~ Drip tubing on OS&E approved list (minimum 500' per rebate per year)
- ~ Low-flow valves, filters, pressure regulators on OS&E approved list (minimum six valves/filters/pr per rebate)
- ~ Steel soil samplers on OS&E approved list
- ~ Mycorrhizal inoculants on OS&E approved list
- ~ Flow Gauge on OS&E approved list

Limitations on OS&E Rebate Plan:

- ~ A maximum of \$1500 will be rebated per year per list member or company.
- ~ First come, first served.

Others rebates and programs available

- ~ Rain harvesting equipment such as rain barrels, cisterns, and downspout redirect devices. See www.sustainablem.org/Urban_Runoff for more details
- ~ The City of Santa Monica's Water-Efficient Landscape Grant Program. See www.sustainablem.org/landscape for more details

The Landscape and Irrigation Requirements of the Green Building Ordinance became effect on **May 23, 2008** with new irrigation permit requirements.

Visit www.smgreen.org for more information.

OS&E Approved Rebate Products for Landscape Professionals (may be updated throughout 2009)

Drip Control Zone Kits (Anti-Siphon Valve plus Filter/Pressure Regulator)

Rain Bird XACZ-075-PRF, XCZ-075-PRF (in-line)

Toro DZK-EZF-075-LF

Irritrol DZK-700-1-LF (in-line)

In-Line Valve

Rain Bird LFV-075, DV

Buckner VBDW Series

Superior 470 DI

Weathermatic 12000 Series

Toro TPV/F Series

Anti-Siphon Valve

Superior 850 DI

Rain Bird ASV-LF-075, ASVF Series

Irritrol 2700 Series

Toro EZF-29-03/04

Filters

Rain Bird RBY-075-MPTX, QKCHK

API PFPC64

Toro T-ALFS75150-S/L

Pressure Regulator

Rain Bird PSI-L30X-075

Senninger LF Series

Toro PMR-25-LF

Filter/Pressure Regulator (combined)

Rain Bird PRF-075-RBY

In-Line Emitter Drip Tubing (16mm,17mm, or 18mm only) - min 500' per purchase

Rain Bird XFD series, LD series

Agrifim Dura-Flo

Toro PCB and PCS series (Drip In PC)

Netafim UniTechline, TechNet, Techline, Techline CV

On-Line Plain Drip Tubing (16mm,17mm, or 18mm only) - min 500' per purchase

Toro Blue Stripe series

Agrifim A620, A700, A700BR

Rain Bird XT700, LD 1600

Mycorrhizal Inoculants (min \$100 purchase)

Plant Revolution *Plant Success 8 oz. Soluble, Plant Success Granular*

Tri-C Enterprises (Marylin's Own) *Myco-DRENCH*

Bio Organics *Mycorrhizal Landscape Inoculant*

Mycorrhizal Applications *MycoApply Soluble, MycoApply Endo/Ecto Plus*

Flow and Pressure Gauge

Toro 53351- Flow and Pressure Gauge

Steel Soil Samplers

Hoffer *Standard, Extended*

Oakfield *B,H,HA,HC,LS*