Santa Monica’s Environmental Information Resource

- [www.sustainablesm.org/landscape](http://www.sustainablesm.org/landscape)
  For info on the Water-Efficient Landscape and Irrigation Standards
- [www.water.smgov.net](http://www.water.smgov.net)
  Landscape and water rebates from the City of Santa Monica’s Office of Sustainability and the Environment *Water Conservation Unit* (310) 458-8972

Demonstration Gardens

- **Airport Avenue Gardens** – 3200 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica
- **Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden** Claremont, CA [www.rsabg.org](http://www.rsabg.org)
- **Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden**
  [www.manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org)
- **Santa Barbara Botanical Garden** [www.sbbg.org](http://www.sbbg.org)
- **The Water Conservation Garden** at Cuyamaca College in San Diego
  [www.thegarden.org](http://www.thegarden.org)

Native and California Friendly Plant Information

- **Bewaterwise** [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com) This website has over 1,200 species of plants suited for So Cal, an irrigation calculator and on-line classes
- **Lacoastalgardens.com** [www.lacoastalgardens.com](http://www.lacoastalgardens.com) This website features plants specifically suited for our coastal climate; has an irrigation schedule
- **California Native Plant Society** [www.lacnps.org](http://www.lacnps.org) (818) 881-3706
- **Southern California Horticulture Society** [www.socalhort.org](http://www.socalhort.org)
- **California Flora Registry** – UC Berkeley [www.calflora.org](http://www.calflora.org)
- **PlantRight** Invasive plant material & alternatives [www.plantright.org](http://www.plantright.org)
- **Beverly Hills Garden Book** garden design and plant selection
- **Mountain States Wholesale Nursery** [www.mswn.com](http://www.mswn.com)
- **San Marcos Growers** [www.smgrowers.com](http://www.smgrowers.com)
- **Landscape Resource** interactive native plant map, water usage calculator, plant library [www.landscaperesource.com](http://www.landscaperesource.com)
- **Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA)** [www.cssainc.org](http://www.cssainc.org)
- **Mediterranean Garden Society** [www.mediterraneangardenersociety.org](http://www.mediterraneangardenersociety.org)
- **Pacific Horticulture Society** [www.pacifichorticulture.org](http://www.pacifichorticulture.org)
Native and California Friendly Plant Nurseries

- **The Theodore Payne Foundation** in Sun Valley, CA, promotes and sells California native plants, [www.theodorepayne.org](http://www.theodorepayne.org); (818) 768-1802
- **Grow Native Nursery at The Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden** in Claremont, CA, promotes and sells California native plant cultivars, [www.rsabg.org](http://www.rsabg.org); (909) 625-8767
- **Tree of Life Nursery** [www.californianativeplants.com](http://www.californianativeplants.com) sells California native plants, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 (949) 728-0685
- **Armstrong Nursery** Wilshire Blvd sells native and California friendly plants, [www.armstronggarden.com](http://www.armstronggarden.com); (310) 829-6766
- **C & S Nursery** in Culver City; (323) 296-6657
- **Merrihew’s Sunset Gardens** Small local retail nursery 1526 Ocean Park Blvd (Santa Monica) (310) 452-1051
- **Marina Del Rey Garden Center** 13198 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 (310) 823-5956

Wholesale Nurseries

- **FK Nursery Inc** 2027 Colby Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90025 (310) 478-0538
- **Kobata Growers** 17622 Van Ness Ave, Torrance, CA 90504 (310) 323-0662
- **El Nativo Growers** 200 S. Peckham Road Azusa, CA 91702 (626) 969-8449

Turf Alternatives and Maintenance Products

- **Electric lawn care equipment** [www.thegreenstationproducts.com](http://www.thegreenstationproducts.com)
- **Outdoor maintenance equipment alternatives** a national non-profit organization based in Lincoln, MA [www.quietcommunities.org](http://www.quietcommunities.org)
- **Mulch mowing** [www.homeguides.sfgate.com/mulch-mowing-47700.html](http://www.homeguides.sfgate.com/mulch-mowing-47700.html)
- **Kurapia** [www.ccuh.ucdavis.edu/Programs/kurapia/kurapia](http://www.ccuh.ucdavis.edu/Programs/kurapia/kurapia)
- **UC Verde Buffalograss** [www.ccuh.ucdavis.edu/Programs/ucverde](http://www.ccuh.ucdavis.edu/Programs/ucverde)

Soil Texture and Using a Soil Probe

- **Determine soil texture by feel** [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mt/about/?cid=nrcs144p2_056492](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mt/about/?cid=nrcs144p2_056492)
- **Oakfield Apparatus** – to order a soil probe, visit [www.soilsamplers.com](http://www.soilsamplers.com)
- **Use a soil probe to determine how much water you are applying** [www.extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/HG-518.pdf](http://www.extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/HG-518.pdf)
  “Monitoring irrigation with probes”
Soil Testing

- **Wallace Laboratories** 365 Coral Circle El Segundo, CA 90245  
  phone: (310) 615-0116  
  fax: 310-640-6863  
  info@wlabs.com

- **Soil & Plant Laboratory, Inc.** 1594 N. Main St. Orange, CA 92867  
  soilab@soilandplantlaboratory.com  
  phone: (714) 282-8777

- **Sunland Lab** 11419 Sunrise Gold Circle #10 Rancho Cordova, CA  
  phone: (916) 852-8557

- **Earthfort** 635 SW Western Blvd. Corvallis, OR 97333  
  phone: (541)-257-2612  
  info@earthfort.com

**Soil Professionals**

- Soil testing and remediation  
  www.CompostTeana.com (884)-246-7645
- www.compostteaguy.com

**Compost and Mulch**

- **Walk-On Bark and Garden Mulch**  
  B.D. White Company (Torrance) (310) 370-5511

- **Kellogg’s Xerimulch**  
  Smith Pipe & Supply (Santa Monica) (310) 393-0143

- **Forest Floor Mulch**  
  Foothill Soils (Newhall) (661) 254-0867

- **Organic Compost**  
  American Soil (Simi Valley) (805) 578-0052

- **E.B. Stone Compost**  
  Armstrong Nursery (West LA) (310) 829-6766

**Supplemental Amendment Products**

- **Mycorrhizal Applications**  
  www.mycorrhizae.com (541) 476-3985

- **Tri C Enterprises, LLC**  
  www.naturalSOILutions.com (909) 590-1790

- **Bio-Organics**  
  mycorrhizal inoculant  
  www.bio-organics.com (888)-332-7676

- **Dri-Water**  
  Gel product for time released irrigation  
  www.driwater.com

- **Bio-char**  
  Soil amendment  
  www.biochar-international.org

**Permeable Hardscape Products, Pavers, Gravel, Decomposed Granite**

- **Bouget Brothers** (Santa Monica)  
  www.bourgetbrothers.com (310) 450-6556

- **West Los Angeles Building Materials** (Culver City) (310) 478-7276

**Plant Water Needs**

- **Center for Landscape & Urban Horticulture Plant Water Calculator:**  

- **Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS) Plant List**  
  Santa Monica is located in region 3.  
  Use plants/trees with a moderate, low or very low water use requirement.  
  www.ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/

- **California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS)**  
  For baseline evapotranspiration rates of plant material  
  www.cimis.water.ca.gov
Irrigation Supply Stores
- **Aqua-Flo** 11520 Jefferson Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230 (310) 915-5208
- **Ewing** 2241 Corinth Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90064-1601 (310) 479-9533
- **Smith Pipe & Supply** 1549 12th St. Santa Monica, CA 90401 (310) 393-0143

Drip Irrigation Manufacturer Info.
- **Agrifim** - [www.ndspro.com](http://www.ndspro.com)
- **Rain Bird** - [www.rainbird.com](http://www.rainbird.com)
- **Toro** - [www.toro.com](http://www.toro.com)
- **Hunter** – [www.hunterindustries.com](http://www.hunterindustries.com)
- **Netafim** – [www.netafim.com](http://www.netafim.com)

Irrigation Controllers & Smart Controllers
- **SoCal Water$mart WBIC rebates** [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com)
- **Smart Water Application Technologies** [www.irsigation.org/SWAT/](http://www.irsigation.org/SWAT/)
- **EPA WaterSense labelled irrigation controllers** [www3.epa.gov/watersense/products/controltech.html](http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/products/controltech.html)
- **Irrigation scheduling** Hunter Irrigation [www.runtime.hunterindustries.com](http://www.runtime.hunterindustries.com)
  ET Water [www.etwatergnome.com](http://www.etwatergnome.com)
- **Water Budget Irrigation Scheduling** [www.wateright.org](http://www.wateright.org)

Rain Harvesting
- **American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association** [www.arcsa.org](http://www.arcsa.org)

Graywater
- [www.oasisdesign.net](http://www.oasisdesign.net) - the definitive resource for graywater info
- [www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/Categories/Water/Graywater.aspx](http://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/Categories/Water/Graywater.aspx)

Integrated Pest Management
- An overview of pest control [www2.ipm.ucanr.edu/WhatIsIPM/](http://www2.ipm.ucanr.edu/WhatIsIPM/)

Landscape Professionals
- Local pros [www.buylocalsantamonica.com](http://www.buylocalsantamonica.com) Look under ‘landscape designers’
- Southern Californian chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) [www.socal-asla.org/find-landscape-architect/](http://www.socal-asla.org/find-landscape-architect/)
- Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) [www.apldca.org](http://www.apldca.org)
- California Landscape Contractors Association [www.clca.org](http://www.clca.org)
- Green Gardens Group of LA [www.greengardensgroup.com](http://www.greengardensgroup.com)
- EPA WaterSense Certified Professionals [www3.epa.gov/watersense/findapro/](http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/findapro/)
Recommended Reading

Plants and Design

- **California Native Plants for the Garden**: Carol Bornstein, David Fross, Bart O'Brien
- **The California Garden, and the Landscape Architects Who Shaped It**: Jere Stuart French
- **American Green, The Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Lawn**: Ted Steinberg
- **Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands**: Brad Lancaster
- **Introduction to California Plant Life**: Robert Ornduff, Phyllis M. Faber, Todd Keeler-Wolf
- **The Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses**: Rick Darke
- **Designing with Succulents**: Debra Lee Baldwin
- **Succulent Container Gardens**: Debra Lee Baldwin
- **Designing California Native Gardens**: Glenn Keator and Arlie Middlebrook
- **The Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses**: John Greenlee
- **The American Meadow Garden**: John Greenlee
- **Mediterranean Gardening/A Waterwise Approach**: Heidi Gildemeister
- **Gardening the Mediterranean Way**: Heidi Gildemeister
- **Selected Plants for Southern California Gardens**: Southern California Horticultural Society
- **Plant Life in the World’s Mediterranean Climates**: Peter R. Dallman, California Native Plant Society
- **Sunset Western Garden Book** (latest edition)
- **Californian's Guide to the Trees among Us**: Matt Ritter
- **Trees and Shrubs for Dry California Landscapes**: Bob Perry
- **Landscape Plants for California Gardens**: Bob Perry
- **Reimagining the California Lawn**: Carol Bornstein, David Fross, Bart O'Brien, John Evarts, Marjorie Popper
- **Botany for Gardeners**: Brian Capon
**Plant Maintenance**

- *Care and Maintenance of Southern California Native Plant Gardens*; Bart O'Brien, Betsey Landis, Ellen Mackey for Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
- *Teaming with Microbes, A Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web*; Jeff Lowenfels
- *American Horticultural Society Pruning and Training*; Christopher Bricknell

**Integrated Pest Management**

- *Good Bugs for Your Garden*; Allison Mia Starcher
- *Chemical-Free Yard and Garden (Rodale's)*; Anna Carr, Miranda Smith, Linda A. Gilkeson, Joseph Smillie, Bill Wolf
- *Pests of Landscape Trees and Shrubs*; Steve H. Dreistadt
- *Pests of the Garden and Small Farm*; Mary Louise Flint

**Irrigation**

- *Drip Irrigation For Every Landscape and All Climates*; Robert Kourik
- *Landscape Irrigation Design and Management*; Stephen W. Smith

**Edible Landscaping**

- *Gardening for Geeks*; Christy Wilhelmi
- *Worms Eat My Garbage*; Mary Appelhof
- *Designing and Maintaining Your Edible Landscape Naturally*; Robert Kourik
- *Edible Landscaping*; Rosalind Creasy
- *Gaia’s Garden*; Toby Hemenway
- *The Garden Primer*; Barbara Damrosch
- *Cornucopia II: A Source Book of Edible Plants*; Stephen Facciola
- *Breed Your Own Vegetable Varieties: The Gardener's & Farmer's Guide to Plant Breeding & Seed Saving*; Carol Deppe