



Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

The Mid-Peninsula Water District (MPWD), in conjunction with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) and other local agencies, has adopted a water efficiency ordinance for landscaping in order to comply with the California Water Commission's new requirements and guidelines for water conservation. Governor Brown's Executive Order B-29 on April 1, 2015, directed the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to implement a new State Model Ordinance to increase water efficiency standards for new and existing landscapes.

MPWD's Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance (Ordinance No. 115) was developed to address the unique physical characteristics, including average landscaped areas, within the MPWD's jurisdiction and ***only applies to new development and rehabilitation projects***. It also brings MPWD's water efficient landscaping guidelines in line with the new DWR Model and regional standards.

KEY REVISIONS INCLUDE:

- Landscape size threshold reduced to 500 sq. ft. for new projects (prescriptive checklist approach is a compliance option for landscapes under 2,500 sq. ft.)
- Landscape size threshold remains at 2,500 sq. ft. for rehabilitated landscapes
- Maximum applied water allowance reduced to: 55% of reference ETo for residential projects and 45% of reference ETo for CII projects
- Reduced landscape area that can be planted with turf to 25% in residential landscapes
- Turf installations are permitted when used for specific functions (sport fields, parks, etc.)
- Turf not allowed in median strips or parkways
- Dedicated landscape water meters or sub-meters must be installed on:
 - Residential landscapes over 5,000 sq. ft.
 - Non-residential landscapes over 1,000 sq. ft.
- Pressure regulators and master shut-off valves required
- Flow sensors to detect high flow conditions required of landscapes over 5,000 sq. ft.
- Landscapes under 2,500 sq. ft. and irrigated entirely with graywater only subject to irrigation checklist



For a copy of Ordinance No. 115 (Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance) and application* forms, please visit www.MidPeninsulaWater.org/ordinances to download the packet, or visit the MPWD office during office hours.

* *Application includes: Form letter advising of required plan check and review docs, Checklist, Prescriptive Compliance Option Letter, Water Budget Calculation Worksheet, Soils Survey Form, and Plan Certificate of Completion.*



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MPWD wants to help you get started on improving your landscaping with our popular hands-on workshops. Take advantage of these free events held at MPWD (3 Dairy Lane, Belmont) and learn how to develop healthier lawns and gardens while conserving water. Attendees will receive a small gift at each workshop.



Xeriscape/Hydrozones with Julie Montanari

Choose the right plants for the varying conditions in different areas of your landscape. This class will focus on selection, placement, and care of California native and low-water-use plants.

Saturday - April 9, 2016 - 9:00 am - Noon

Soils and Invasive Species with Suzanne Bontempo

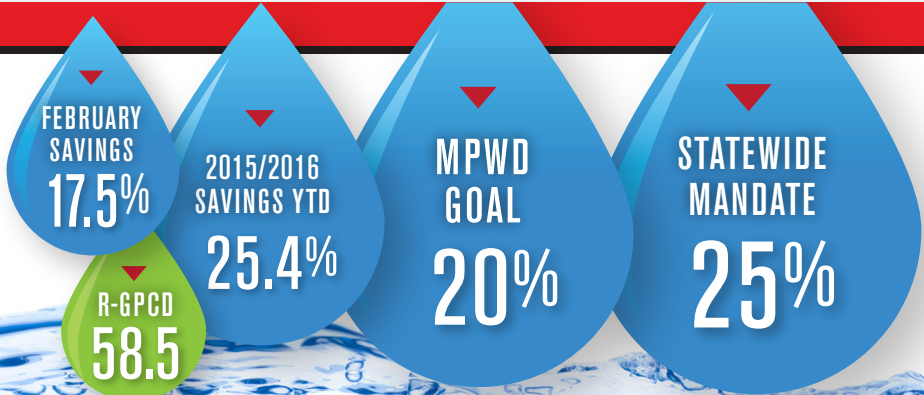
Learn how to build healthy soil to grow healthy plants, how to combat pesky bugs and hard-to-manage weeds, and what invasive plants to avoid introducing to your gardens.

Saturday - May 7, 2016 - 9:00 am - Noon

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