

Irrigation

Conserve Water and \$\$\$

Use:

- * Drip irrigation to save water and energy
 - * Low-flow sprinkler heads
 - * Rain barrels that capture and store rainwater
- Get barrels at: bewaterwise.com

Check:

- * Timers are adjusted according to weather
- * Leaks if your water bill is unusually high

Maintenance Tips

The "Quiet Garden" Approach

- * ENCOURAGE BENEFICIALS for pest control such as lizards, ladybugs, birds, fungi, & bacteria.
- * RAKED LEAVES placed in the garden and lightly watered down will compress, stay in place, decompose, and add nutrients to the soil.
- * USE HAND TOOLS such as clippers, brooms, and rakes to reduce energy use, dust, and noise.
- * REMOVE OLD FLOWERS only when, if shaken upside down, no seed (bird food) falls out.
- * ORDER GREEN BINS from your local waste management service.

Resources

To Get You Started!

mbbgarden.org * bewaterwise.com * cnps.org
theodorepayne.org * calscape.org

Climate Appropriate Native Plants

These and other Southern CA natives feed native bees; seed, insect, & berry-eating birds like cedar waxwings, warblers, robins, & goldfinches; hummingbirds; butterflies & all their young!



LARVAL FOOD: Narrowleaf Milkweed, Red Fairyduster



NECTAR/SEED: Buckwheat, Poppy, Seaside Daisy



AROMA: Ceanothus, Hummingbird & Purple Sage



BERRIES: Toyon, Lemonade Berry, Golden Currant



Earth-friendly Native Plant Gardening

A Beginners Guide for the South Bay



ELIMINATE:
Fertilizer, Pesticide, Herbicide, & High Water Use by Planting CA Natives!



PROMOTE:
Insect & Seed-Dependent Native Birds, Pollinators, & Beneficial Critters!

