

Water Efficient Landscaping Classes



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California offers free virtual classes in landscape design and irrigation principles to help you plant, care for and maintain a beautiful water-efficient garden. You can choose from several class themes to address your garden's needs. Classes are open to all Southern California residents within Metropolitan's six-county service area.

California Friendly® and Native Landscape Training

Design a beautiful garden using California Friendly® and native plant landscaping principles.

LEARN HOW TO:

- Transform your yard into a watershed that conserves water naturally
- Create a living soil sponge that holds on to water
- Capture rainwater by contouring your landscape
- Select and arrange plants to maximize biodiversity and minimize water use
- Control your irrigation to minimize water waste



Sign up for a class and learn about water-saving rebates at: **[Bewaterwise.com/classes](https://www.bewaterwise.com/classes)**

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Turf Removal & Garden Transformation Workshop

Transform thirsty grass into a beautiful, climate-appropriate water efficient garden.

LEARN HOW TO:

- Evaluate your landscape's water-saving potential
- Plan for your garden transformation
- Identify the type of turf grass in your yard
- Remove grass without chemicals
- Select climate-appropriate plants



Garden Design Workshop

A watershed garden is designed to capture and retain as much rainwater as possible. This workshop covers the critical steps needed to successfully design your own watershed-wise landscape.

LEARN HOW TO:

- Contour your garden to help capture rainwater
- Create a list of climate-appropriate plants for your garden
- Place plant symbols on a site plan to address plant needs, plant function and basic design guidelines



Rainwater Capture

Review best practices for capturing rainwater to help keep it in your landscape.

LEARN HOW TO:

- Select appropriate rainwater capture methods
- Site and size rain gardens
- Manage water entering and exiting a rain garden
- Maintain and troubleshoot your rain garden



Irrigation Basics & Water Use Efficiency

Best practices for irrigation and water use efficiency in your garden.

LEARN ABOUT:

- Irrigation systems
- Typical irrigation problems
- Irrigation and the soil moisture balance
- Converting to drip irrigation



Drip Irrigation Maintenance & Troubleshooting

Help your plants thrive with appropriate and more efficient irrigation techniques.

LEARN HOW TO:

- Understand soil moisture balance
- Identify key components of a properly installed drip system
- Avoid common obstacles and challenges
- Develop a successful maintenance practice

Deciphering Your Irrigation Controller

Irrigation controllers help run your watering system. This course provides an overview on the types of controllers available.

LEARN ABOUT:

- Irrigation's role in maintaining a soil moisture balance
- Purpose and potential of weather-based controllers
- Basic terminology and programming principles
- Special functions (cycle & soak and seasonal percentage changes)



About Metropolitan

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative that, along with its 26 cities and retail suppliers, provide water for 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.



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