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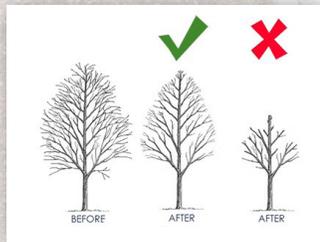
# Landscape Guide

Create and Maintain a Beautiful, Water-wise Landscape with These Top Tips and Resources

Water-wise landscapes are good for you and good for Folsom. Replacing your traditional lawn with California-friendly trees and plants will help you conserve water, save money, and benefit the environment. When maintained correctly, water-efficient gardens are beautiful. They're also easier and less time-consuming to maintain than lawns. These stunning, colorful landscapes also attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and other beneficial species to our community.

## TREE PRUNING TIPS

Prune young trees to establish good structure. Properly pruning trees when they are young can help avoid structural problems when trees are older.



**DO NOT TOP YOUR TREE!** Tree topping is expressly prohibited under the Folsom Municipal Code.

For more information on how to properly prune your tree, visit the Sacramento Tree Foundation website at [www.sactree.org](http://www.sactree.org).

## FOLSOM LANDSCAPE FEST

Saturday, March 25  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mangini Ranch Elementary School  
4640 Sparrow Drive, Folsom

Raffles / Exhibits and Demonstrations / Food Trucks / Activities for Kids / Free Giveaways / Free Compost and Wood Chips

Learn about:

- ☛ Folsom-friendly plants
- ☛ Rebates
- ☛ Tree care tips
- ☛ Water-wise landscaping
- ☛ How to save water and lower your bill
- ☛ Tips from UCCE Master Gardeners of Sacramento
- ☛ Upcoming neighborhood volunteer clean-up event
- ☛ How to recycle your yard waste

The event is free and will be held rain or shine! For more information, email [communications@folsom.ca.us](mailto:communications@folsom.ca.us) or call 916-461-6013.

# FOLSOM-FRIENDLY PLANTS

Take the guesswork out of designing your water-efficient landscape with this condensed list of ideal plants for Folsom's climate and growing conditions.

## Groundcovers

- ☞ *Juniperus horizontalis* 'Blue Chip'/blue chip juniper
- ☞ *Sedum rupestre* 'Angelina'/Angelina stonecrop
- ☞ *Arctostaphylos* 'Emerald Carpet'/emerald carpet manzanita
- ☞ *Myoporum parvifolium*/creeping myoporum
- ☞ *Salvia hybrids*/sage
- ☞ *Cotoneaster dammeri* 'Lowfast'/bearberry cotoneaster



*Sedum rupestre* 'Angelina'/  
Angelina stonecrop

## Perennials and Accents

- ☞ *Hesperaloe parviflora*/red yucca
- ☞ *Teucrium chamaedrys*/germander
- ☞ *Lantana montevidensis*/trailing lantana
- ☞ *Agave parryi*/Parry's agave
- ☞ *Buddleja davidii*/butterfly bush
- ☞ *Salvia hybrids*/sage
- ☞ *Dianella revoluta*/flax lily
- ☞ *Calamagrostis x acutiflora*/feather reed grass



*Buddleja davidii*/  
butterfly bush

## Shrubs

- ☞ *Arctostaphylos spp.*/manzanita
- ☞ *Salvia Rosmarinus*/rosemary
- ☞ *Callistemon* 'Little John'/Little John bottlebrush
- ☞ *Euonymus japonicus*/evergreen euonymus
- ☞ *Grevillea* 'Noellii'/Noel grevillea
- ☞ *Westringia fruticosa*/coast rosemary
- ☞ *Raphiolepis umbellata*/Yeddo hawthorne
- ☞ *Ilex crenata* 'Sky Pencil'/sky pencil holly



*Arctostaphylos spp.*/  
manzanita

## Accent Trees

- ☞ *Vitex agnus-castus*/chaste tree
- ☞ *Cercis occidentalis*/Western redbud
- ☞ *Chilopsis linearis*/desert willow
- ☞ *Cotinus coggygria*/smoke tree
- ☞ *Olea europaea*/olive tree



*Cercis occidentalis*/  
Western redbud

## Shade Trees

- ☞ *Pistacia chinensis* 'Keith Davey'/Keith Davey Chinese pistache
- ☞ *Koelreuteria paniculata*/golden rain tree
- ☞ *Ulmus propinqua*/emerald sunshine elm
- ☞ *Zelkova serrata* 'City Sprite'/city sprite zelkova



*Pistacia chinensis* 'Keith  
Davey'/Keith Davey Chinese  
pistache



*Olea europaea*/  
olive tree

# FOLSOM TREE CARE AND FACTS

Trees provide measurable benefits to our neighborhoods, including cooler temperatures, cleaner air, higher property values, and healthier residents. The City of Folsom has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for 16 years. The city is committed to the mission of environmental change and quality of life for our residents through growing and fostering a vibrant urban forest.

- ✎ The City of Folsom requires single family residential properties to have front yard street trees.
- ✎ A tree permit is required in order to remove or substantially prune a front yard tree. A replacement tree from the Folsom Master Tree List or otherwise approved by the city arborist must be planted in its place.
- ✎ The permit process also allows city staff the opportunity to provide you with guidance on proper and safe pruning practices. Visit [www.folsom.ca.us/treepermits](http://www.folsom.ca.us/treepermits) for more information.
- ✎ The Sacramento Tree Foundation website—[www.sactree.org](http://www.sactree.org)—is a great resource for tips on tree care and pruning.

# HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE

- ✎ Low maintenance doesn't mean no maintenance. Weed for a few minutes every two weeks to keep your landscape looking fresh.
- ✎ Water-efficient landscapes are beautiful and natural. Avoid shearing plants into hard geometric shapes. Hard shearing prevents blooming, creates panic growth, and increases water use.
- ✎ Use organic mulch. It will slowly decompose and improve the organic content of your soil.
- ✎ Keep the mulch at least three inches deep to inhibit weed growth and eliminate the need for weed cloth.
- ✎ The City of Folsom provides free mulch and compost at two self-serve locations: Behind City Hall at 50 Natoma Street and at Fire Station 36 (next to the sandbag location on Oak Avenue Parkway). Please bring your own shovels and containers.

## Monitor Your Water Use

- ✎ The water meters in the FPA provide access to a program that allows you to monitor your water use down to the hour with the EyeOnWater tool. Sign up at [eyeonwater.com](http://eyeonwater.com).

## Conserve Water with Drip Irrigation

- ✎ Installing a drip irrigation system is an efficient way to water your landscape.
- ✎ Drip systems do not need to run daily. They typically run once or twice a week for longer periods in the summer, less frequently in spring and fall, and not at all in the rainy season.
- ✎ Drip systems apply water very slowly and need to run longer and less frequently than lawn sprinklers.
- ✎ Make sure to operate your system independently of lawn sprinklers and inspect the system monthly during the watering season.

- ✎ Position the emitters to water the root zone, not the base of the plant, and adjust the emitter locations as the plant grows and the root zone expands.
- ✎ Check soil moisture before scheduling your drip system to run. If the soil is moist you don't need to water.

## Understand Your Soil

- ✎ Healthy plants need healthy soil. If your garden is faltering, chemical imbalances in your soil might be preventing your trees and plants from thriving. Ask a landscape professional to conduct a soil analysis to find out what your soil could be lacking.
- ✎ Folsom's native soil is primarily clay in texture. However, soil in the Folsom Plan Area may also be comprised of imported fill material with lime and other minerals due to the mass grading that took place during development.





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## FOLSOM WATER CONSERVATION RESOURCES

- Water conservation specialists are available to make Water-Wise House Calls to check for leaks, inspect your irrigation system, and advise on landscape issues. This is a service provided at no charge by the City of Folsom Water Conservation Division. Schedule an appointment at [waterconservation@folsom.ca.us](mailto:waterconservation@folsom.ca.us) or call 916-461-6177.
- The City of Folsom presents a series of free workshops covering important information about landscape and irrigation starting each spring. Watch for the announcements on social media and at [www.folsom.ca.us/waterwisetips](http://www.folsom.ca.us/waterwisetips).
- Direct purchase programs offer reduced prices on Flume water flow monitors and Rachio WiFi enabled smart irrigation controllers. For more information, visit [www.folsom.ca.us/rebates](http://www.folsom.ca.us/rebates).
- Want to monitor your water use? EyeOnWater lets you connect to your water utility account to see how much water you're using; it can even alert you to possible leaks on your property. Sign up at [helpyeonwater.com](http://helpyeonwater.com).



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### MORE INFORMATION

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