LESS LAWN
MORE EFFICIENCY

A New Look for [Name of Our City/County]

You are going to be seeing a new, more colorful and water-wise look for the landscapes around our government buildings and properties. We're going to remove sections of lawn that serve no purpose and replace them with stunning, water-wise landscapes filled with native plants and plants more suited for our climate.

Toyon *Heteromeles arbutifolia, California native*

We are developing low-water-use and native plant gardens, adding more shade trees, and creating more vibrant and sustainable landscapes.

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The New Law

A new statewide law—AB 1572—requires local governments, counties, special districts, and other public agencies to stop watering lawns that serve no recreational or community purpose at public properties by January 1, 2027.

The law does not apply to parks, soccer fields, and baseball diamonds, to cemeteries or other areas where people gather.

Why Was This Law Passed

Drought is a way of life in California, and periods of drought are becoming more frequent and intense as the climate continues to warm. By transforming areas of lawn that serve no purpose into water-wise landscapes, California can save millions of gallons of drinking water a year. This will help strengthen California's ability to endure future droughts and protect this precious resource, so that it's always available when you need it.

How Will This Impact You

AB 1572 applies to properties owned by state and local public agencies, commercial, industrial, institutional properties, and non-residential HOA common areas. It does not apply to single-family or multi-family residential properties, but we hope you'll be inspired by the beautiful water-wise landscapes and do the same at your home.

OUR VISION

Here are the types of water-wise plants we will be adding around our community. You are welcome to join us in our quest to make our community more sustainable by participating in our water efficiency program. You can find more information online at: [insert URL]

Toyon

Photo by Tece Merkel

Hummingbird Sage

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Golden Yarrow

Manzanita

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Allen Chickering Salvia

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California Wildrose

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