



Mountain View Green Garden Showcase

Celebrate environmental stewardship by becoming a Green Garden Showcase landscape! Mountain View's Garden Showcase recognizes local homeowners and business owners that incorporate practices into their landscapes to conserve water, reduce waste, and build healthy soil.

The Green Garden Showcase provides a resource for those interested in local examples of California native plants, wildlife habitat, efficient irrigation systems, rainwater harvesting, composting, and other environmentally friendly practices. If you use these techniques in your own garden, help us to inspire others by nominating your garden for the Green Garden Showcase.

To nominate your garden, return a completed copy of this form along with supporting material to: Water Conservation - City of Mountain View - 231 N. Whisman Rd, Mountain View, CA 94043. You may also e-mail completed forms to: conservewater@mountainview.gov.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Property Owner:** Yes No

E-mail address: _____

Property type: Small Residential (single home / duplex) Large Residential (multifamily)
 Non residential (commercial, institutional) Large landscape (>1 acre)

Eligibility: To qualify, your garden must be located in Mountain View and visible from the street. In addition, you must provide the materials requested below and meet at least 15 conditions listed in the Green Garden Checklist.

Additional Materials: Please submit the following materials with your application:

- Four or more photographs of your garden (may include panoramic shots and/or close-ups)
- A brief narrative describing your garden, including challenges and successes encountered in establishing and maintaining it.

If my garden is selected for the Green Garden Showcase, I agree to allow the City of Mountain View to publish information pertaining to my garden (e.g., photos, address, story) on the City's webpage and in public education materials. I also agree to hold harmless the City of Mountain View from and against any damage, loss, liability, claim, demand, suit, cost and expense directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of or in connection with the participation in this Green Garden Showcase.

Signature: _____
Garden Owner / Authorized Representative Date

Green Garden Checklist

Please check the conditions below which are incorporated into your garden (minimum of 15):

Aesthetics

- Required:** The garden is aesthetically pleasing*

Plant Selection and Design

- Required:** Lawn is minimized or eliminated.
- Required:** At least 50% of plantings are low-water use.
- Required:** Plants are grouped in hydrozones, to avoid over or under-watering.
- Garden incorporates native California plants.
- Plants create wildlife habitat.
- Design uses a diverse plant palette.
- Design minimizes or excludes invasive plants.
- Plants match microclimate, soil condition and space.
- Design incorporates shade plants to moderate building temperatures.
- Design minimizes impervious surfaces.

Irrigation System

- Required:** Irrigation system is maintained in good working order (hand-watering OK).
- Required:** Watering schedule is based on seasonal conditions and is changed as needed.
- Irrigation system incorporates drip irrigation or other low volume equipment (hand-watering OK).
- Overhead watering is scheduled before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m.
- Site incorporates on-site rainwater reuse and/or graywater use.
- An irrigation audit (Water Wise House Call or Large Landscape Survey) has been completed.

Soil

- Soil is amended with compost.
- Mulch is applied regularly.

Management

- Required:** Fertilizer and pesticide use is minimized (especially synthetic, quick release products).
- Organic pest management techniques are used.
- Plant debris is kept on site and used for compost and mulch.
- Natural areas and wildlife corridors are conserved or restored.
- Water and shelter for wildlife are provided.

*Note: Gardens will be judged for their attractiveness as well as their earth-wise practices. Criteria for an aesthetically pleasing garden include: well maintained site, healthy plants, suitable plant variety and density, and year round beauty.

For more information on Mountain View Green Garden Showcase, call (650) 903-6216 or visit:

www.gardenshowcase.mountainview.gov