

Why become a Green Gardener?

Green Gardeners create Monterey Bay-Friendly Landscapes that **use water efficiently, reduce the use of pesticides, and protect water quality.** Students learn from green industry experts and practice skills in an outdoor classroom. Graduates **receive discounts** from local landscape supply businesses.

Monterey Bay-Friendly Landscaping **creates a healthier garden** for your client and a healthier work environment for yourself and your employees.

Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping **saves water and money for your clients,** helping you compete in the professional landscaping industry. Businesses that employ certified Green Gardener graduates **receive free promotion** by local water agencies and are listed on www.green-gardener.org.

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Monterey Bay Green Gardener Certification Program

Bilingual vocational training
in resource-efficient
landscape maintenance practices



Classes Begin Jan 25, 2017



www.green-gardener.org

Green Gardener Certification Program Course Outline



All classes are bilingual and meet at
294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, January 25-March 29
Plus three Saturdays, 9am-noon, Feb 4, Feb 25, Mar 4

Landscape Maintenance Skills Laboratory

Practice proper installation, maintenance, and irrigation of California native and drought-tolerant landscapes.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Covers insect, disease and weed management approaches that reduce risk to water quality and human health, including physical, cultural, biological, and less-toxic chemical controls.

Right Plant Right Place & Climate-Appropriate Plant Selection

Covers landscape design using water-conserving and low-maintenance plants for Central Coast landscapes.

Soil Health

Covers soil texture and structure, soil fertility, and tools and methods to evaluate and improve soil health.

Mulches & Compost

Covers how to source quality mulches and composts and how to apply them in the landscape. Learn how to compost landscape prunings using a variety of compost methods.

Fertilizers and Grass Cycling

Covers ornamental and edible plant nutrition requirements, reading fertilizer labels and ingredients, and turfgrass fertilization and maintenance practices that protect water quality.

Natural Pruning

Learn plant anatomy, natural pruning styles and techniques, and alternatives to boxing and topping to reduce maintenance and green waste.

Soil and Water Relationship

Learn about the relationship between plant selection, plant water requirements, soil texture and irrigation scheduling, and how to identify signs of stress from over and under watering.

Irrigation Scheduling

Covers how to schedule irrigation efficiently based on evapotranspiration, soil type, precipitation rates, site conditions, and plant water requirements. Practice programming a variety of standard and weather-based irrigation controllers.

Irrigation System Troubleshooting & Efficient Irrigation Technologies

Perform an irrigation system evaluation and learn how to fix common irrigation problems, and maintain a drip irrigation system. Learn about equipment, tools, and rebates available to repair and retrofit inefficient irrigation systems.

Air Quality, Successful Landscape Business Practices

Learn to properly use and maintain gas and electric-powered landscaping equipment. Bring your business and professional development questions to be answered by CLCA contractors and alumni.



Requirements for Green Gardener Certification

1. Class Participants must be present for at least 80% of the class series.
2. Completion of the final exam.
3. Certification and promotion is for individual gardeners.

Registration Information

Training cost and certification is only \$100 per person!

**To register, call or visit
Watsonville/Aptos/Santa Cruz
Adult Education
(831) 786-2160
294 Green Valley Rd.
Watsonville, CA 95076**

or register online at:
www.wascae.pvusd.net



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