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Free California-Friendly Gardening Classes for Residential Customers Offered by Public Utilities Department

SAN DIEGO - The City of San Diego Public Utilities Department is offering a free class designed to help gardeners save water and money while making decisions about their home landscaping. The class, being presented in conjunction with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and hosted by the City of San Diego, will help homeowners choose colorful, healthy and attractive low-water use plants for their gardens.

San Diegans are encouraged to conserve water in their gardening and landscaping. Water use restrictions have been in place since June 1, 2009 and are anticipated to continue. The *California-Friendly Landscape Gardening for the Water-Wise Gardener* class will help gardeners modify their methods to do their part to conserve water.

The *California-Friendly Gardening for the Water Wise Gardener* class will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Palisades Recital Hall in Balboa Park. The class is segmented into four topics: Soils and Fertilizers, Garden Design Process, Irrigation System and Scheduling, and California Friendly Plants.

These four topics will help water wise gardeners by providing an introduction to soils, a review of the garden design process, information about an irrigation system layout, and information about the use of native or other low-water use southern California-Friendly plants.

To reserve a spot call (619) 533-7485 or email epama@sandiego.gov.

The Water Conservation Program reduces water demand through promoting or providing incentives for the installation of hardware that provides permanent water savings, and by providing services and information to help San Diegans make better decisions about water use. For more information about Water Conservation, call (619) 515-3500 or visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation>.

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