



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Water Department

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City's Water Department Offering Free California-Friendly Gardening Classes for Residential Customers

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

The **California Friendly and Native Plants** class will focus on native plants and other plants appropriate to our semi-arid climate. A single class on this topic is scheduled for:

Saturday, January 10, 2009

8:30 a.m. to noon.

Balboa Park Recital Hall (located in the Palisades Building)

Anyone wishing to attend must call (619) 570-1999 to reserve a spot in these classes.

The **Four-Part Residential Series** will address individual water-saving gardening options in detail. Each of the classes will be offered from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the Scripps Ranch Community Service Center, 11885 Cypress Canyon Rd. San Diego, CA 92131.

Landscape Design – **Saturday, January 17, 2009**

California Friendly and Native Plants – **Saturday, January 24, 2009**

Landscape Sprinkler System – **Saturday, January 31, 2009**

Soils, Watering & Fertilizers – **Saturday, February 7, 2009**

Anyone wishing to attend must call (619) 570-1999 to reserve a spot in these classes.

The **California Friendly Gardening for the Water Wise Gardener** class will be an overview of basic concepts for water-wise landscape design. This class is scheduled for:

Saturday, March 7, 2009

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Clairemont Community Center

4731 Clairemont Drive

San Diego, CA 92117

Anyone wishing to attend must call (619) 570-1999 to reserve a spot in class.

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, visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation> or call (619) 515-3500.