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NO WATER**  
ALL DAY. EVERY DAY.

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## **Free Water-Wise Landscape Advice and Tips Offered at Garden-Friendly Plant Fairs and Class**

SAN DIEGO – As the spring garden season kicks into full gear, San Diego residents have a number of ways to learn how to create landscapes that “waste no water” and are better suited for the region’s semi-arid climate through free plant fairs at local Home Depots and a landscape class in Balboa Park.

Staff from the City of San Diego’s Water Conservation Program and plant experts from local nurseries will be at area Home Depots to explain ways to have a garden that is both beautiful and water-efficient. City staff will also be featuring information on valuable rebates for rain barrels, smart controllers, micro irrigation and sustainable landscape/turf replacement. Participating Home Depots will also have special selections of water-wise plants that are ideal for local gardens. City and nursery landscape professionals will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following Home Depot stores:

### **Saturday, March 31**

Home Depot: 10604 Westview Parkway (Mira Mesa, 92126)

### **Saturday, April 21**

Home Depot: 12185 Carmel Mountain Road (Carmel Mountain Ranch, 92128)

### **Saturday, May 5**

Home Depot: 5920 Fairmount Avenue (Mission Valley, 92108)

Additionally, City of San Diego Landscape Architect JoEllen Jacoby will hold a free **Garden-Friendly Landscape Class** on **Saturday, March 31**, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Balboa Park Recital Hall, adjacent to the Puppet Theater in Balboa Park (off of President’s Way). Jacoby will discuss how to remove water-thirsty lawns and plan a new design for a water-smart landscape that is beautiful and sustainable. An overview of grass removal, irrigation choices, and new plant selection will assist homeowners in making good decisions for their new landscape. A selection of plants will also be available for viewing along with samples of California Friendly landscapes. The class will include a review of resources and City rebates available to assist with a landscape makeover. Each participant will receive “A Homeowner’s Guide to a WaterSmart Landscape” along with other reference materials. To register for the free class or obtain more information, call (619) 533-4126 or (619) 533-7548.

Residents can also visit [www.thegarden.org](http://www.thegarden.org) (website of the City-supported Water Conservation Garden), where visitors can find a list of the “Nifty 50” plants for water smart landscapes and additional landscaping tips. Visitors will leave the site knowing that Kangaroo Paws and Monkey Flowers are a great addition to local gardens, even though they sound like residents at the zoo.

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