

The garden highlights drought tolerant plants that were specifically chosen for our local climate and soil conditions. These plants can be found at most local nurseries. The garden also contains permeable pavers, dryscaping techniques, efficient irrigation equipment and different types of landscape cover that help reduce evaporation.

The Demonstration Garden serve as a practical teaching tool for all water users, including municipalities, property management firms, landscape professionals and homeowners.

Some of the advantages of a water-wise garden are:

- Lower water consumption
- More water available for other uses and other people
- Less time and work needed for maintenance, making gardening simpler and less stressful
- Little or no lawn mowing (saves energy)
- If water restrictions are ever implemented, drought tolerant plants will tend to survive, while more traditional plants may be unable to adapt.

Ensuring a balance between water supply and water demand in San Benito County is vital to maintaining the economic prosperity for our region. Becoming better stewards in controlling the use of water is a great place to start.



The Water Resources Association is a locally-based agency focused on water resource management in San Benito County, representing the City of Hollister, the City of San Juan Bautista, Sunnyslope County Water District, and San Benito County Water District.



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Water Wise Demonstration Garden

Water conservation ideas for your garden



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West Coast Rubber Recycling

(831) 634-2800

*Provided shredded rubber landscape cover

Hope Services

(831) 637-8283

*Assists in maintaining the garden

Permeable Pavers

In the center of the garden are permeable pavers. Advantages and benefits of these paving stones are:

- Reduces water runoff and drainage problems
- Re-hydrates soil beneath a paved surface
- Helps control erosion
- Flow rate exceeds 1" of rain per hour
- Strong...over 8000 psi
- Reduces environmental impact of paved surfaces
- Dozen of uses

Plant List

Stroll through the garden with this brochure. If you have any questions or comments please contact us at: (831) 637-4378. The only plants you are allowed to pick are the tomato plants. Please be respectful and gentle to the garden!

Each plant or tree is numbered or labeled to correspond with the list below:

TREES

KEY:

- T-1 *Arbutus 'Marina'* (Strawberry Tree)
- T-2 *Cercis Occidental* (Western Redbud)
- T-3 *Lagerstromenia l. 'Centennial Spirit'* (Crape Myrtle Multi Trunk)
- T-4 *Pistachia Chinensis* (Chinese Pistache)

SHRUBS

KEY:

- S-1 *Abelia Grandiflora* (Shiny Albela)
- S-2 *Ceanothus 'Carmel Creeper'* (Carmel Creeper)
- S-3 *Ceanothus 'Julia Phelps'* (Julia Phelps)
- S-4 *Cistus Purpureus* (Rock Rose)
- S-5 *Cotoneaster Horizontalis* (Rock Cotoneaster)
- S-6 *Moraea Iridioides* (Butterfly Iris)
- S-7 *Nandina Dom. 'Gulf Stream'* (Gulf Stream Nandina)

VINE

- V-1 *Lonicera Japonica* (Honey Suckle)

PERENNIALS

KEY:

- P-1 *Artemisia 'Silver Mound'* (Artemisia)
- P-2 *Achillea 'Pastel Mix'* (Yarrow 'Pastel Mix')
- P-3 *Cerastium Tomentosum* (Snow-in-Summer)
- P-4 *Correa Pulchella* (Australian Fuchsia)
- P-5 *Echinaceae Purpurea* (Purple Cornflower)
- P-6 *Erigeron Karvinskianus* (Santa Barbara Daisy)
- P-7 *Gaura Lindheimeri* (Gaura)
- P-8 *Hemerocallis Hybrid Yellow* (Day Lily Yellow)
- P-9 *Lantana Sellowiana Purple* (Training Lantana)
- P-10 *Lavendula Vera* (English Lavender)

- P-11 *Lavatera Bicolor* (Mallow)
- P-12 *Oenothera Berlandieri* (Mexican Primrose)
- P-13 *Penstemon Gloxiniodes* (Apple Blossom)
- P-14 *Salvia Leucantha* (Mexican Salvia)
- P-15 *Salvia Greggii* (Autumn Sage)
- P-16 *Zauschneria Californica* (California Fuschia)

GROUND COVER

KEY:

- GC-1 *Osteospermum Fruticosum* (African Daisy)
- GC-2 *Rosmarinus Officinalis* (Trailing Rosemary)

ORNAMENTAL GRASS

KEY:

- OR-1 *Festuca Ovina Glauca* (Sheep Fescue)
- OR-2 *Stipa Terracissima* (Feather Grass)

Irrigation System

KEY:

IS-1—Hunter Smart Valve Controller. The Hunter SVC mounts to a valve solenoid quickly and easily. Without screws, drills, or additional wires and the unit is constructed to handle the harsh environment of a valve box. The SVC operates off a single 9-volt battery. Ideal for isolated sites or power restricted areas. It's also easy to program with an easy to read LCD display. Up to nine start times are available, offering the flexibility to handle a variety of needs.

IS-2—Drip line: Dura-Flo Jr 1/4" Dripper line is a snap to install. It comes with 6" and 12" spacing to fit your garden needs and gives precise watering just where you need it. With its turbulent flow and internal self cleaning features it's remarkably clog resistant! The flow rate can be controlled based on amount of pressure on the line.

IS-3—Micro sprayers: These are available in a full range of patterns and include the popular rotor-type variety. The flow rate of these sprinklers is fully adjustable by hand turning the built-in valve. Control the flow and you control the sprinkling area and the number of gallons used.

IS-4—Bubblers: Flood and Stream Bubblers are designed to deliver water to individual plants or planting beds. Since the water "bubbles out" or is emitted in short, coarse streams, it's not subject to the rapid evaporation that affects finer spray heads. Emits 1/2 gallon to 5 gallons per hour.