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The Nifty-50 plants thrive in California's semiarid climate. Become environmentally aware of what makes our region distinctly beautiful!

The Nifty-50 plants are labeled and on display at the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College. The five-acre public garden is an excellent place to get ideas for a new or retrofitted landscape that looks beautiful and saves water, time, and money.

The Garden is open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Call for summer hours.) Tours are offered each Saturday morning and by appointment. There are classes, workshops, and gardening festivals for the entire family. Go to www.thegarden.org or call 619-660-0614 x10 for further information.

10 Water-Saving Tips for your Garden



Cut summer watering to 2 or 3 days per week for grass, and 1 to 2 days per week for other plants.

In winter, irrigate only if needed, to maintain some moisture in the soil.



Check soil moisture using your finger or shovel and wait until the soil is dry 2 or 3 inches deep before watering.

Create a schedule of how much

due to evaporation and wind.







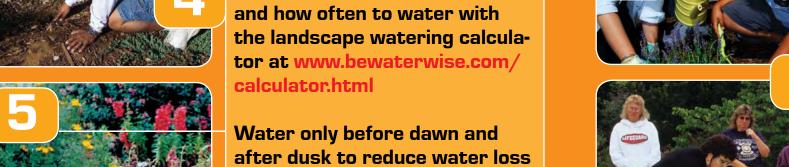
Fix leaking sprinklers, valves and pipes. A broken spray sprinkler wastes 10 gallons per minute or 100 gallons in a typical 10 minute watering cycle.

Place a 2- or 3-inch layer of mulch over bare dirt to reduce water evaporation, improve the soil, and help control weeds.

Replace lawn areas with water smart groundcovers, trees and shrubs whenever possible.

Check with your water agency for water use surveys and rebates on irrigation equipment.

Attend classes on water smart landscaping. Visit the Water **Conservation Garden or con**tact your local water agency.



, Plants for Water Smart Landscapes

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SALVIA SPECIES

Cleveland Sage

Salvia clevelandii, N

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TAGETES PERENNIAL

Rosmarinus officinalis 'Huntington Carpet'



Lagerstroemia indica

Pennisetum setaceum

'Rubrum'

Laurus nobilis

Fruitless Olive

Butia capitata

Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'

Salvia Africana lutea



Salvia leucantha

Chitalpa

Chitalpa tashkentensis, N

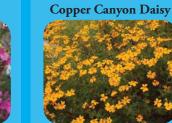
x 'Desert Museum'

48 Desert Museum Palo Verde 49 Chinese Pistache

Salvia chamaedryoides Autumn Sage

Salvia greggii

A Peruvian Verbena



Tagetes lemmonii

Mexican Tarragon



Tagetes lucida

Verbena peruviana

Pistacia chinensis



Quercus agrifolia, N

Geijera parviflora

* Includes Ornamental Grasses & Grass-like Plants



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