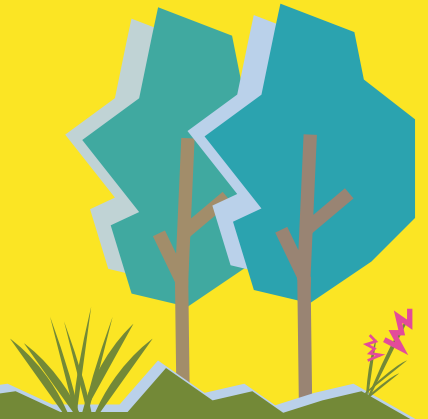


EFFECTIVE December 1, 2015

Re-imagine YOUR YARD

In California about half of urban water is used for landscape irrigation. Substantial water savings and environmental benefits can be gained through appropriate landscape design, installation, and maintenance. To promote efficient landscapes in new developments and rehabilitated landscapes, California's Department of Water Resources is updating the Model Ordinance per Governor's Executive Order B-29-15.



THE FACTS

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

New single-family projects (and other development projects) associated with a **building permit, plan check, or design review** that include landscape areas of **500 sq. ft. or more** or rehabilitated landscape projects with an aggregate landscape area equal to or greater than 2,500 sq. ft. are subject to this ordinance.

WHEN WILL THIS TAKE EFFECT?

This will go into effect December 1, 2015. Applicants applying for building permits on or after December 1, 2015 will be subject to the State's updated ordinance.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MY PROJECT?

This means that almost all landscapes will have the opportunity to reduce water usage, to be environmentally friendly, to save property owner water costs, and to reduce maintenance time and costs. Depending on your total landscape area, your project will be subject to one of the three options described below.

OPTION A < 500 S.F.

Prescriptive Compliance Checklist may be submitted to Planning staff.

OPTION C >2,500 S.F.

Submit a full Landscape Documentation Package that shall include all seven elements under OPTION B.

OPTION B 500 - 2,500 S.F.

Fulfill requirements for Prescriptive Compliance Option (App. D):

1. Landscape plan
2. Prescriptive Compliance Checklist*
3. Certificate of Completion, part 1-4*

- OR -

Submit a full Landscape Documentation Package that shall include:

1. Project information
2. Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet*
3. Soil management report
4. Landscape design plan
5. Irrigation design plan (only if permanent irrigation is required)
6. Grading design plan
7. Certificate of Completion, part 1-6 (submitted after installation)*

Cupertino's Ordinance Update coming soon.

For more information visit Department of Water Resources at <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/landscapeordinance/>

*Reference Ch. 2.7 MWELO (**Appendix A** Reference E To Table, **App. B** Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet, **App. C** Certificate of Completion, and **App. D** Prescriptive Compliance Option)