
**INFORMATION SHEET
REQUIREMENTS FOR
NEW RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPES**

The following is a listing of landscape requirements that will be used when planchecking landscape plans submitted to the City of Ventura for review.

A. 2016 California Building Code

1. Chapter 4 Residential Mandatory Measure; Section 4.304 Outdoor Water Use Landscapes of 500 sq. ft. or greater – must comply with the State Model Water Efficient Ordinance (landscape less than 2,500 sq. ft. may use Appendix D). Prescriptive compliance option.
2. Notes – The Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance is available at <http://www.water.ca.gov/waterefficiency/landscape-ordinance>

B. 2016 City of Ventura Building and Safety Adoption and Amendments of the California Building Standard Codes

1. Sections 4907.1, 4907.2, and 4907.2.1 California Building Codes.
2. Fire Safe landscape references will be in Appendix A.

C. Chapter 27 Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

1. Adopted December 1, 2015 with Executive Order No. B-29-15.
2. Elements of the landscape document package found in Section 492.3.
3. Water Budget Calculations are part of this package
 - a) Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA)
 - b) Estimated Total Water Use
4. City of Ventura Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Worksheet provided in Appendix B

D. Arborist Review (Recommendation Only)

1. If a new or rehabilitated landscape plan includes the saving of any existing trees that show any signs of being damaged by fire, a licensed arborist should be retained to assess the health of the tree and the tree's potential for survival.

**APPENDIX A
RESOURCES**

A. Landscaping Firesafe Restoration Resources

1. Online
 - a) http://firecenter.berkeley.edu/docs/CE_homelandscaping.pdf
 - b) <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Fire-Safe-Landscaping/>
 - c) <http://www.monrovia.com/design-inspiration/fire-safe-landscaping/>
 - d) www.firesafemarin.org/landscaping

2. Publications / Brochures

- a) Defensible Space Landscaping in the Urban/Wildland Interface
- b) A Compilation of Fire Performance Ratings of Residential Landscape Plants
- c) General Guidelines for Creating Defensible Space
- d) City of Ventura; A Landscape Guide for Hillside Residence in the City of Ventura

B. Landscape Planting Resources

1. Publications

- a) Trees and Shrubs for Dry California Landscapes; Bob Perry
- b) California Friendly Guide to Native and Drought Tolerant Gardens; Las Virgenes Water District
- c) Landscaping with Native Plants of Southern California; George Oxford Miller
- d) Taylor's Guide to Water Saving Gardening; Chanticleer Press
- e) The New Sunset Western Garden Book; Ninth Edition
- f) WUCOLS III Species Evaluation List, Region 3 Ventura; University of California Extension, California Department of Water Resources

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