



2016 Water-Wise landscape Awards Application

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Telephone:

Work phone:

Email Address:

Please indicate the category of your landscape

Homeowner/ Residential

Commercial/Business

Please describe why your landscape is Water-Wise:

Landscape Conservation Criteria

Native plants are adapted to the site and usually do not need additional irrigation. Retaining or restoring natural areas provides habitat for wildlife and minimizes maintenance requirements.

Drought-tolerant trees and plants are retained, protected and planted:

Yes No

Self-mulching areas are located under trees:

Yes No

Site is free of invasive, exotic plants (e.g., Brazilian pepper, melaleuca, Australian pine, Chinese tallow, air potato or carrotwood):

Yes No

Landscape Design and Plant Selection

Plants that are appropriate for a site need less water and maintenance, and they minimize the need for fertilizers and pesticides.

There is practical use of grass (for play, entertainment, pets, etc.):

Yes No

Plants selected are appropriate to site conditions (drainage, sun, shade, etc.):

Yes No

Plants with similar maintenance and water requirements are grouped together in well-defined beds:

Yes No

Two to three inches of organic mulch (e.g., shredded wood, leaves) exists throughout plant beds:

Yes No

Alternative mulches like pine straw/bark, melaleuca, eucalyptus and/or recycled material are used instead of cypress:

Yes No

Grass areas are functional and easy to irrigate and mow:

Yes No

All strips of grass are at least 4' wide:

Yes No

Landscape has overall aesthetic appeal and is free of debris and litter:

Yes No

Stormwater Runoff Prevention

When rainfall is retained and used by plants on-site, the need for irrigation is minimized and pollution for stormwater runoff is reduced.

Swales, retention ponds, berms, terracing and other landscape features retain runoff on the property:

Yes No

Roof runoff and gutter downspouts are directed onto mulched or planted areas:

Yes No

Previous materials such as mulch, wood decking, brick, gravel and stone are used for paths, walks, driveways or play areas:

Yes No

Rain collection devices like rain barrels and cisterns are used:

Yes No

There are no bare areas that may be subject to erosion:

Yes No

Efficient Irrigation

Properly designed and installed irrigation systems use water more efficiently and save money. Regular inspections and maintenance ensures efficient operation. Seasonal schedules adjust to changing needs throughout the year.

Inspect your sprinkler system when areas of your yard show stress and when the seasons change (e.g., winter dormancy, summer rainfall). Even well-designed systems should be inspected at least four times each year for leaks, broken parts and proper adjustment, including controllers/timers and rain shut-off devices.

Landscape exists primarily on rainfall:

Yes No

Landscape is watered only as needed once established:

Yes No

Landscape is watered routinely according to water restrictions:

Yes No

What type of irrigation system(s) do you use?

Hose-end sprinkler/hand watering:

Yes No

Drip/low-volume/micro-irrigation (evaluate your system below):

Yes No

Conventional in-ground system with sprays and/or rotors (evaluate your system below):

Yes No

Drip/low-volume/micro-irrigation system evaluation

The system irrigates landscape plants only, not grass:

Yes No

A multiple-program time clock controls the system:

Yes No

The time clock is set to prevent over-watering:

Yes No

Emitters are working properly and directed correctly:

Yes No

The irrigation controller is equipped with a functioning automatic rain shut-off device:

Yes No

Conventional in-ground irrigation system evaluation

Sprays and rotors are in separate zones:

Yes No

There is uniform water applications within each irrigation zone:

Yes No

Time clock is set appropriately (sprays 15-20 minutes, rotors 45-60 minutes; correct day(s) and times as required by municipal restrictions):

Yes No

There is minimal runoff and overspray (e.g., no watering of paved surfaces):

Yes No

Spray patterns are not obstructed by plants or structures:

Yes No

Irrigation system is properly calibrated to apply no more than 3/4" - 1" pf water per application:

Yes No

Sprays and rotor heads are working properly and directed correctly:

Yes No

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