

USE TREES & WATER WISELY

Trees and water are both precious resources. Add trees, instead of turf, to enjoy a wide range of benefits at a low cost and with little effort.



SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

1. RIGHT TREE, RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT REASON

Trees provide many benefits and key to maximizing those benefits is to select the right tree.

Start with the reason for planting the tree; is it for shade, privacy, fruit, beauty, reduce glare, etc?

Look at where you wish to plant and check for utilities, both above and below the ground.

Select appropriate trees for the climate where you live and the growing conditions.

2. CHOOSE SHADE TREES

Plant regionally appropriate shade trees. Plant trees on the east and west sides of the home and over play areas, where possible. Trees that shade the home help to reduce cooling costs. Trees used as windbreaks will help reduce heating costs. Avoid high-allergen trees and those with high potential to create root damage if planting near structures. Slow deep watering helps trees develop better root structure.

3. WATERWISE LANDSCAPING

Dry creek beds are attractive features that do not use any water and require little upkeep.

4. GROUNDCOVERS

Avoid planting water-loving groundcovers, like turf. Mulch is an attractive, water-wise option that reduces water evaporation when placed around plants.

5. POROUS PAVERS & PATHS

Porous pavers or gravel paths allow water to percolate back into the ground, preventing runoff.

6. OVERHEAD WIRES

Choose smaller utility friendly trees near overhead wires.

7. CHECK FOR SERVICES

Call 811 to check the location of any underground services before digging.

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