



# City of Santa Barbara

## LANDSCAPE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Statement of Compliance certifying that the planting and irrigation plans comply with the Landscape Design Standards for Water Conservation (Council Resolution No. 08-083 and SBMC§22.080.20), must be signed by the person who prepared the plans. These Standards are available at [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/LandscapeDesignStandards](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/LandscapeDesignStandards) and provide definitions and elaboration on the items below. This checklist is intended as a guide to the Standards, not as an all-inclusive replacement. The boxes on this table are for indicating that these items or notes are applicable and located on the plans.

- 1. For commercial projects, note on plan that landscaping is designed without turf and with 100% water-wise plants (see Standards for “water-wise” definition), and list selected plant species by botanical name.
- 2. For single family residential, multi-family residential, mixed-use, and institutional projects, provide a list of selected plant species by botanical name. Show calculations that no more than 20% of the site’s total landscaped area is planted in turf or plants that are not water-wise plants.
- 3. Note on plan that turf is not in parkways, medians or other areas within the landscaped area with any dimension of less than eight feet, and that turf is not be located on slopes in excess of 20%.
- 4. Note or show in a standard detail that the landscaped area, except portions planted with turf or groundcover shall be covered with mulch material to an average thickness of at least three inches throughout, except in the immediate vicinity of woody trunks.
- 5. Areas of sprinkler coverage shall be shown on plans and be designed to avoid overspray and runoff, including optimum distribution uniformity, head-to-head spacing and setbacks from walkways and pavement. Show that sprinklers have matched precipitation rates within each valve and circuit.
- 6. Show valves separated for individual hydrozones based on plant water needs and sun/shade requirements.
- 7. Note and show a weather-based irrigation controller with a weather station/module allowing automatic adjustments based on changes in the weather and rain shutoff capability (if including an automatic irrigation system).
- 8. Note and show areas less than eight feet wide irrigated only with bubblers, rotating nozzles on pop-up bodies, sub-surface, or drip irrigation.
- 9. Note and show drip irrigation on at least 25% of the landscaped area.
- 10. Note and show that check valves (in-line or integrated) are installed to prevent low-head drainage.
- 11. Note and show irrigation system pressure regulation: dedicated irrigation mainline regulator(s) and/or inline regulators to bring operating pressure down to proper design ranges for drip and spray systems.
- 12. The grading shall encourage water retention and infiltration by preserving open space and creating depressed areas/swales. The grading shall mimic natural, pre-development hydrologic flow paths, and maintain and/or increase the width of flow paths in order to decrease flow rates.
- 13. Property lines must be clearly shown. No major irrigation system components shall be located in the Public Right-of-Way.

**Note:** If the project is located in the High Fire Hazard Area, contact the Fire Department Wildland Fire Specialist to ensure compliance with High Fire Hazard Area landscape standards.

Landscape Design for Water Conservation Compliance Statement

Mandatory Measures:

Sheet#

(Show calculations of required areas on referenced sheets)

No turf in parkways, medians or other areas with any dimension of < 8 feet

No turf on >20% slope

Residential, mixed-use & institutional projects have ≥80% of site’s total landscaped area in water wise plants (including existing and to-remain landscaping in calculation); Commercial projects have 100% of landscaped area planted with water wise plants

Three inches of mulch specified as required

Areas of sprinkler coverage avoids overspray and runoff, including optimum distribution uniformity, head-to-head spacing and setbacks from walkways and pavement

Sprinklers have matched precipitation rates within each valve and circuit

Valves separated for individual hydrozones based on plant water needs and sun/shade requirements

Weather based irrigation controller with a rain shutoff sensor for the entire irrigation system if including an automatic irrigation system

Areas less than 8’ wide irrigated only with bubblers, rotating nozzles on pop-up bodies, sub-surface, or drip irrigation

Drip/low volume irrigation system on >25% of landscaped area

Check valves (inline or integrated) located to prevent unwanted draining of irrigation lines

Pressure regulator(s) scheduled for mainline(s) and/or inline regulators scheduled at each valve

Grading encourages water retention and infiltration by preserving open space and creating depressed areas/swales

Grading mimics natural, pre-development hydrologic flow paths and maintains and/or increases the width of flow paths in order to decrease flow rates

I state that I am familiar with the Landscape Design Standards for Water Conservation as most recently adopted by the Santa Barbara City Council and that the landscape design for this project complies with those standards.

It is my understanding that verification of compliance will be necessary upon final building inspection. I shall inspect the completed installation and I will submit in writing that the installation substantially conforms to the approved plans.

Signature

Name

License #

Exp. Date