

## City of Santa Barbara Approved Low Water Use Grass Species

Per WUCOLS IV (Water Use Classification of Landscape Species)

ET use of <30%

Prior approval from the Public Works Director is needed before watering any of the below species after Jan 1, 2017. For more information on the exemption process, please call (805) 564-5460.

The list below contains only grass species. There are many plant options for lawn alternatives that are low water use and have a similar look to a lawn. Please view our flier of popular

[Water Wise Lawn Alternatives \(grasses and non-grass species\)](#)

for more options for lawns that can be watered under the current Stage 3 Drought regulations:

### N- Native

Type	Botanical Name	Common Name	Water Use
N	<i>Aristida purpurea</i>	Purple three-awn	Very Low
N	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> and cvs.	Blue grama	Low
	<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking grass	Low
N	<i>Danthonia californica</i>	California oatgrass	Low
N	<i>Elymus triticoides</i> ( <i>Leymus triticoides</i> )	Creeping wild rye	Low
	<i>Festuca cinerea</i>	Fescue (cinerea)	Low
	<i>Festuca glauca</i>	Blue fescue	Low
N	<i>Festuca idahoensis</i> and cvs.	Idaho fescue	Low
	<i>Festuca mairei</i>	Maire's fescue	Low
	<i>Festuca muelleri</i>	Mueller's fescue	Low
	<i>Festuca ovina</i> and cvs.	Sheep fescue	Low
	<i>Festuca</i> 'Siskiyou Blue'	Siskiyou blue fescue	Low
N	<i>Melica californica</i>	Oniongrass	Low
N	<i>Melica imperfecta</i>	Coast range onion grass	Very Low
	<i>Muhlenbergia dubia</i>	Pine muhly	Low
	<i>Pennisetum orientale</i>	Chinese fountain grass	Low
	<i>Pennisetum spathiolatum</i>	Slender veldt grass	Low
	<i>Buchloe Dactyloides</i> 'UC Verde'	UC Verde Buffalo grass	**Low

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Not evaluated in the most current WUCOLS IV (2014)

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"Managing Turfgrass During Drought"

<http://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/8395.pdf>