

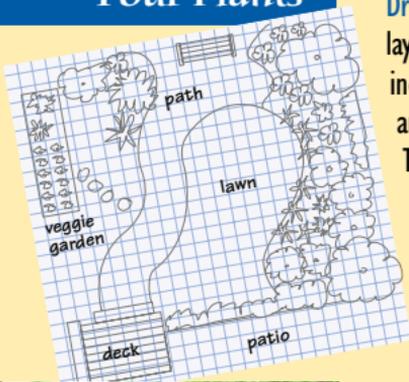
# Watering Tips for Beautiful Gardens

Creating and maintaining your dream garden needs efficient planning, appropriate plant selection and wise watering. Wise watering means grouping plants according to their water needs. Too much water deprives plants of oxygen, causes root rot and ultimately kills them!

Group plants with similar water needs to:

- Enhance your garden's health and beauty.
- Save money by protecting your investment in your garden.
- Save time on gardening and watering.

## Planning Your Garden and Grouping Your Plants



Dream and design the layout of your garden, including shady and sunny areas, slopes, drainage, etc. Then, sketch your garden.

Be sure the right plants are placed according to their water, sun and soil needs and your special wants.

Group plants of similar water needs. Follow your dream garden plan and place plants in the appropriate zones.

**Avoid over-watering.** Group plants according to water needs. Establish a specific watering schedule for each zone's water needs. Check the moisture in the root zone to get it right.

**Call for help.** Many water providers offer free landscape irrigation advice. Call your water provider or Master Gardeners for more information.

**Select the appropriate plants for your garden before you purchase them.** Use the garden wish list on the back to make notes.

**Check the tags at the nursery.** Read them to learn how much water the plants will need now and when they mature.



## Knowing Plant Water Needs

Your water-wise garden can include any plant you wish. Plants simply need to be grouped according to water needs.

### HIGH water-use

Require frequent watering (2–3 times a week during summer months)

- Lawns
- Water-loving plants
- Container plants

### MODERATE water-use

Require a little more water than low water-use plants

### LOW water-use

Require little, if any, additional watering during summer months

- Many established trees and plants

### NO water-use

Includes:

- Hardscapes (patios, decks, walkways)
- Established native plants that can survive on rainfall only



Get a FREE landscape irrigation review or home water efficiency kit by calling your water provider! A water efficiency expert will visit your home to:\*

- review your water use and suggest ways to increase efficiency
- help check for leaks inside and outside
- provide water-saving devices, such as low-flow faucet aerators, showerheads and hose nozzles

\*Services may vary.

## Garden Wish List

Planning is the first step to creating a beautiful, water efficient garden. Use the chart below to list the plants you'd like to purchase along with their water, sun and soil needs.

### Water needs



Low Medium High

### Plant name

	Low	Medium	High
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### Notes:

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For more information about water efficient gardening, contact the UC COOP Extension Master Gardeners at (916) 975-6913.



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