

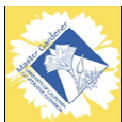


## The Top Ten Ways to Conserve Water in Your Landscape and Garden in Riverside County

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1. Select water-efficient plants recommended for your climate and microclimate **using Sunset climate zones for desert and valley cities** 11 (Blythe); 13 (Palm Springs, Indio); 18 (Temecula, Murrieta); 18/19 (Riverside); 23 (Fallbrook) and **USDA zones for colder areas**: 8a (Idyllwild); 9b (Banning), and 9a (Hemet).
2. 'Hydrozone': Place plants with similar water needs together and irrigate them accordingly (high, medium, low, and very low zones).
3. Let roots of established plants dry out some between irrigations. Water deeply and infrequently slightly below the root zone.
4. Consider replacing your lawn with more drought-efficient plants if you no longer use/enjoy it. If you decide to keep it, water it based on the UC 'Lawn Watering Guide': <http://ucanr.org/freepubls/docs/8044.pdf>
5. Mix soil amendments (compost, etc.) evenly and deeply into sandy and clay soils (40% or more by volume) before planting.
6. Spread a 2-3" layer of mulch on top of soil around garden plants and trees.
7. Water early in the morning.
8. Control weeds.
9. Avoid over-fertilizing.
10. Sweep walkways and driveways rather than hose them down.



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