# WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING 2013

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# APRIL 22, 2013

# WATER-WISE BASICS

Water-Wise Basics Today

Irrigation

April 29th

Plant Selection

May 6th

#### **AGENDA**

**6:30 pm Welcome and Introductions** 

**Water Use** 

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** 

Jennifer Kaiser – Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District

**Know Your Yard:** 

The Basics

7:20 pm Break

7:30 pm Application of Basics

8:20 pm\* Conclusion

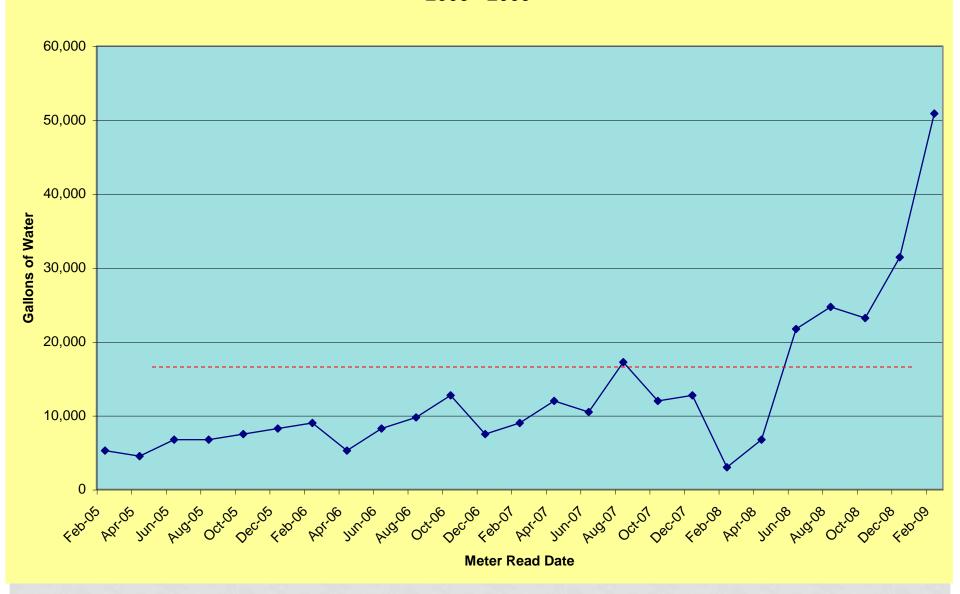
<sup>\*</sup> Workshop presenters will remain available to answer questions.

#### **Water Usage History**

(xxx Flying Dutchman Ct)



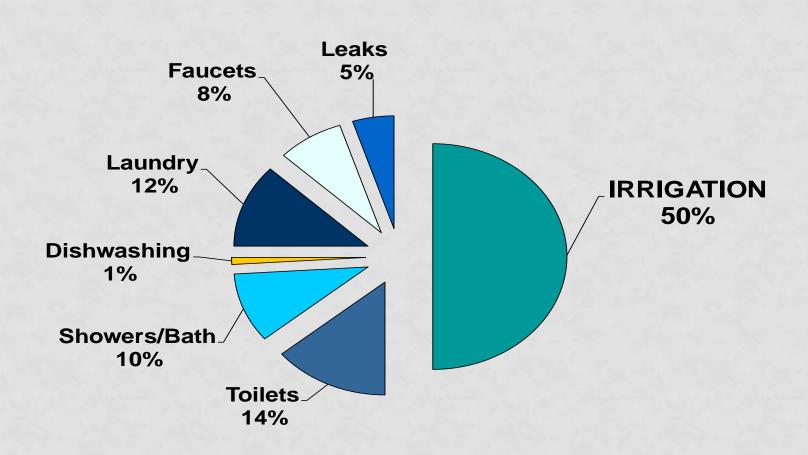
#### Water Usage Summary (XXX Russell St.) 2005 - 2009



## PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM

- Help residents learn how to save water in their landscape
- Familiarize residents with resources available
  - City Water staff
  - Master Gardeners UC Cooperative Extension
  - Community Gardens
  - Books, magazines, websites
  - Local demonstration gardens
  - Local plant nurseries that specialize in low-water plants
  - Local landscape designers
  - Lawn Replacement Program

# **URBAN WATER USE**

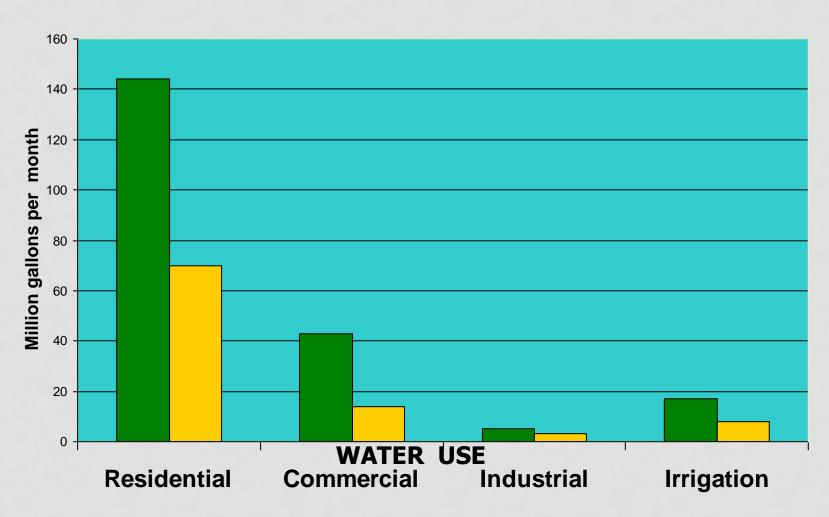


## WATER USE

### Average in Vallejo and Benicia

- 116 to 132 gallons per person per day
- 1% saving per year
   In Benicia that is 11 million gallons or enough for 70 households for a year!
- In Vallejo that is 31 million gallons or Enough for 200 households for a year

#### **Summer vs. Winter Treated Water Use**



## Integrated Pest Management

IPM Resources available

## Jennifer Kaiser

Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District

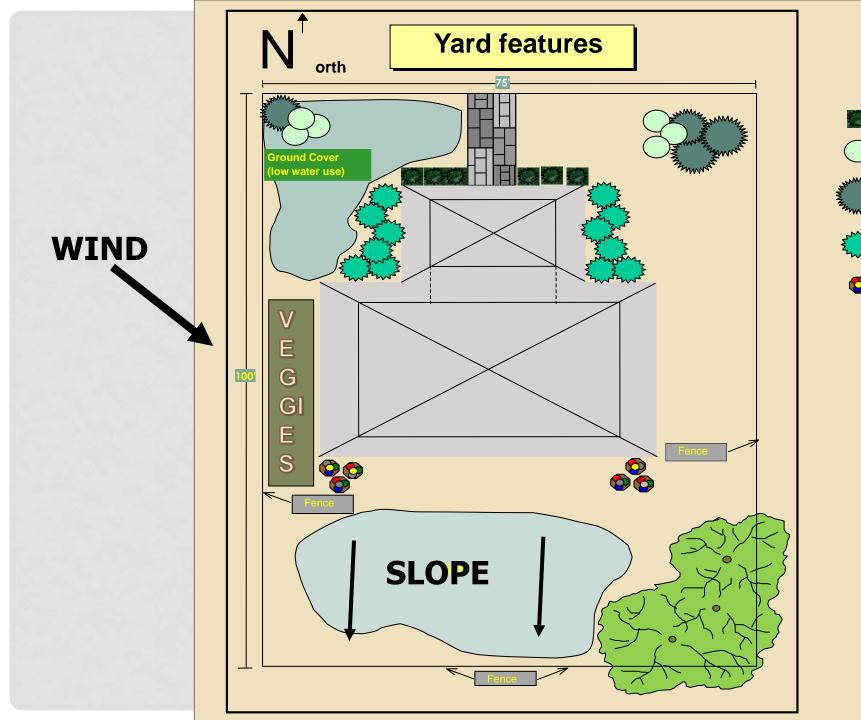
# KNOW YOUR YARD

SF Bay Area
Temperature
Soil

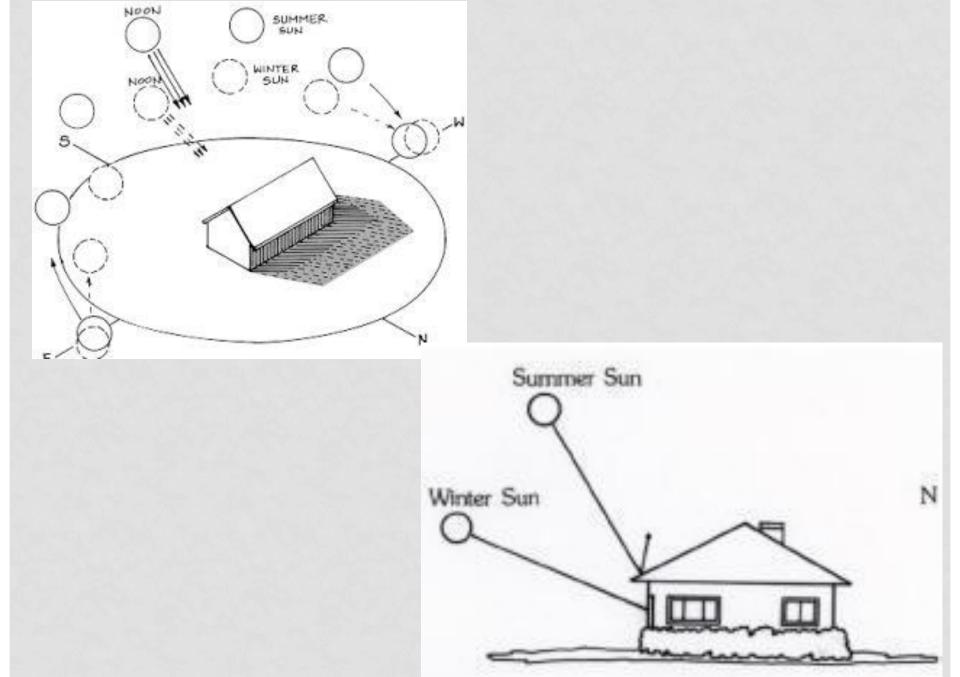




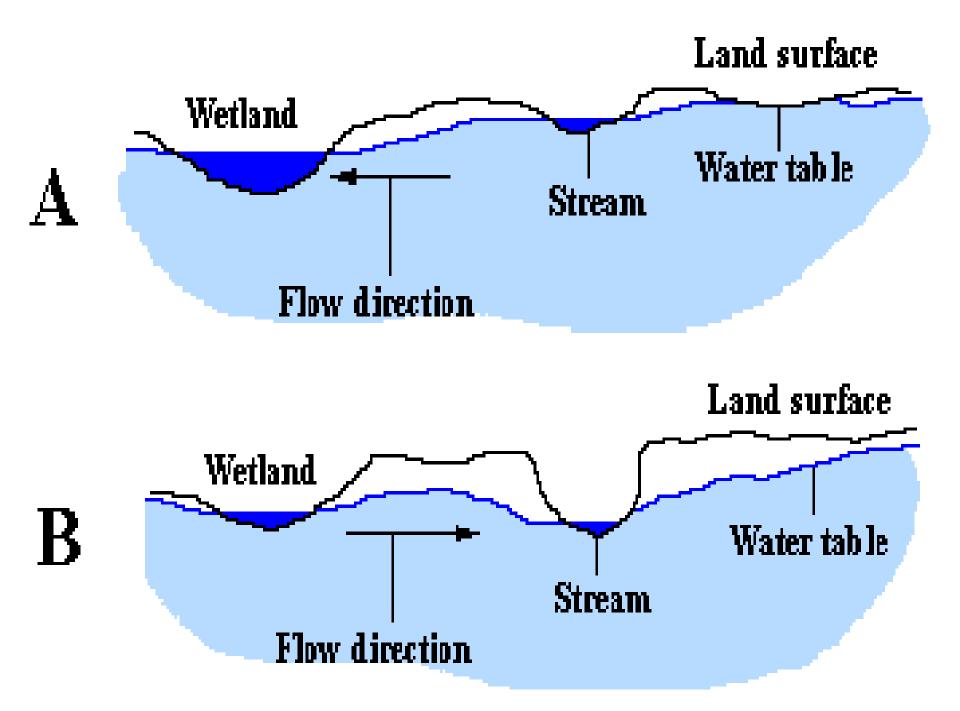


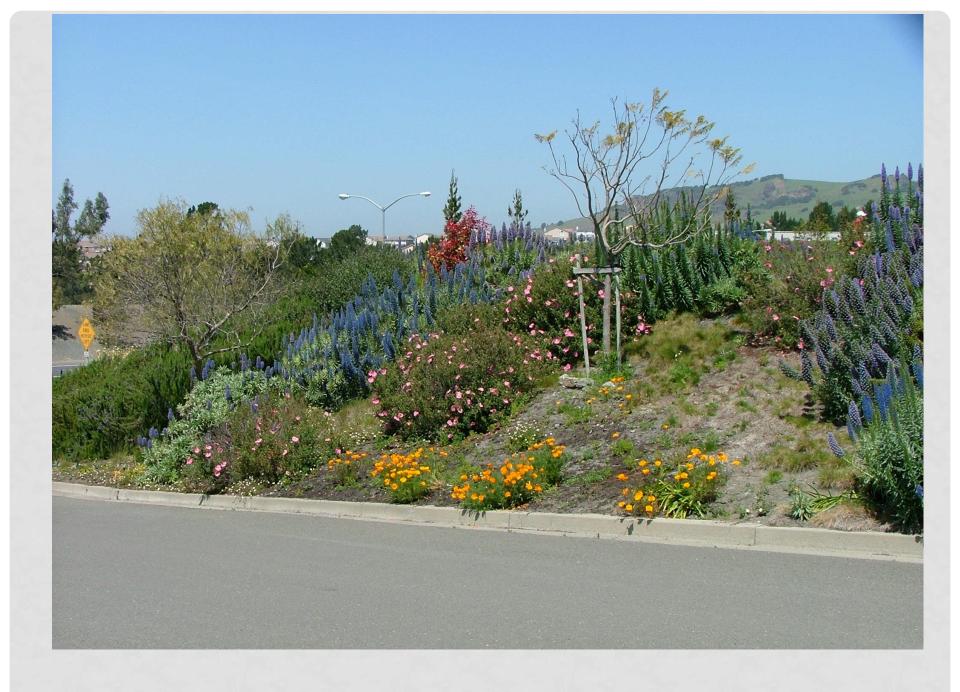
















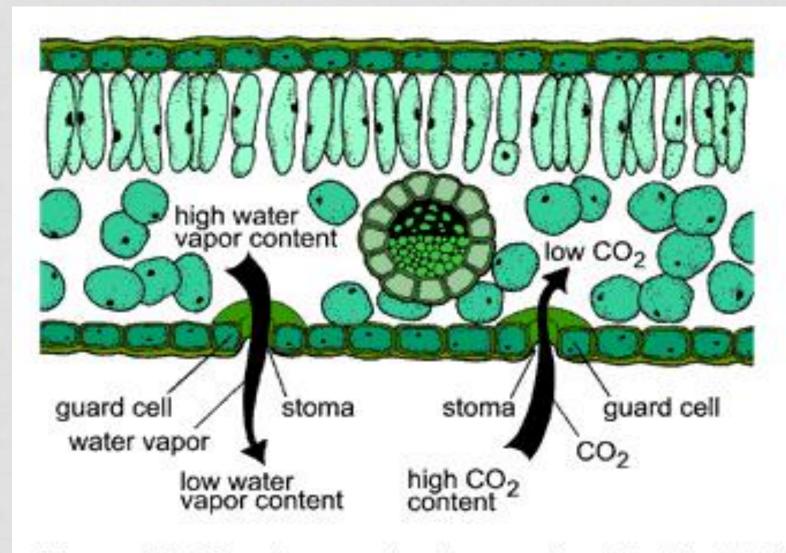
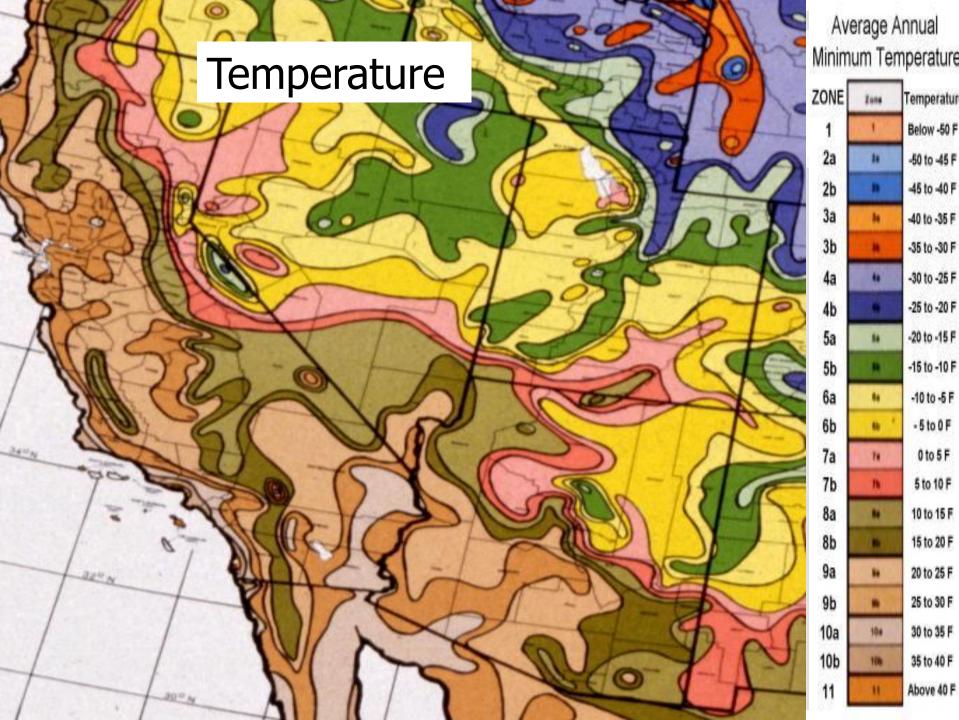
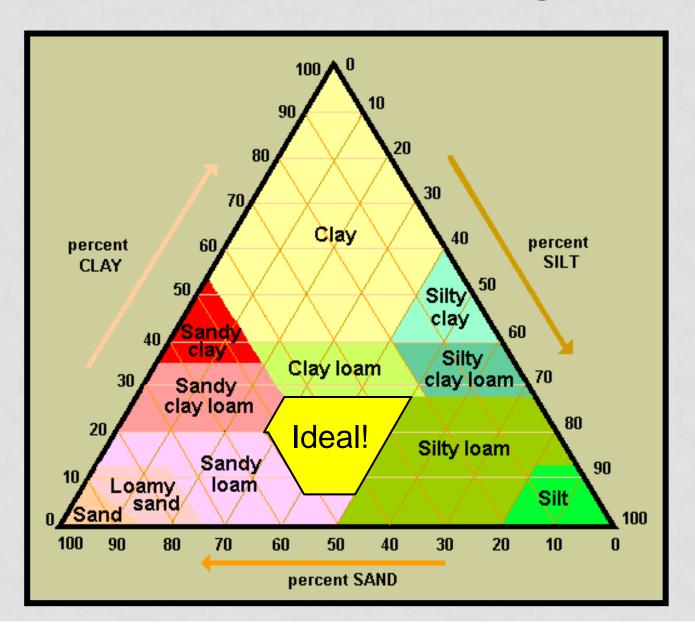


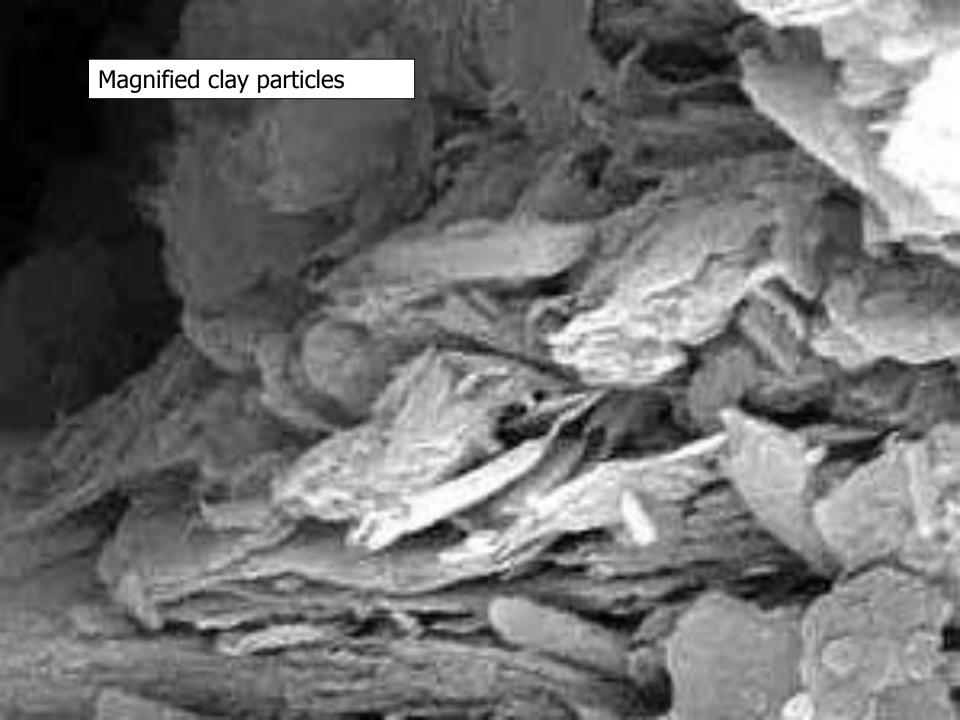
Figure 25. Stomata open to allow carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) to enter a leaf and water vapor to leave.



## **The Soil Textural Triangle**







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Mg⁺
               - H+
                         Κ±
  _K+_
            -Mg±
                                H<sup>+</sup>
                        Mg⁺
Mg±
                Μgr
                             Mg<sup>+</sup>,
                         H<u>+</u>
             Mg⁺
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## APPLICATION OF BASICS

- Locate Hydrozones
- Plant with the Seasons
- Distinguish between established and new plantings
- Water deeply & infrequently
- Schedule irrigation wisely
- Change your Gardening Environment

# **Hydrozones**

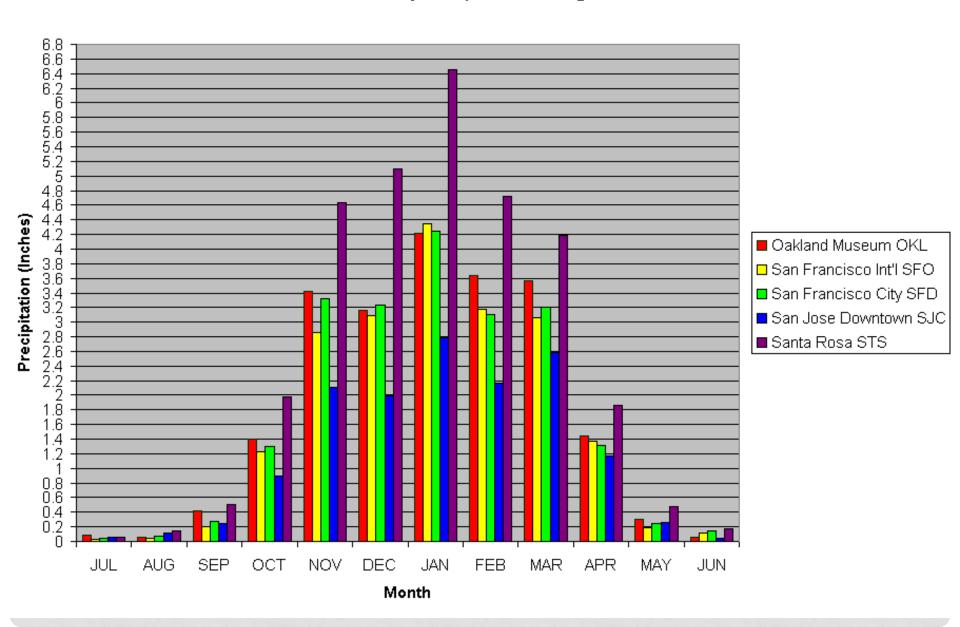
Group plants with similar water requirements

- Vegetable garden
- •Lawn
- Dry sunny slope
- Shady protected area
- Container plants
- Herbaceous border
- Tree and Shrub border



#### **Plant with the Seasons**

#### Monthly Precipitation Averages



### **Water Deeply and Infrequently**

Use a Prod
Use a Shovel
Use high-tech moisture reader

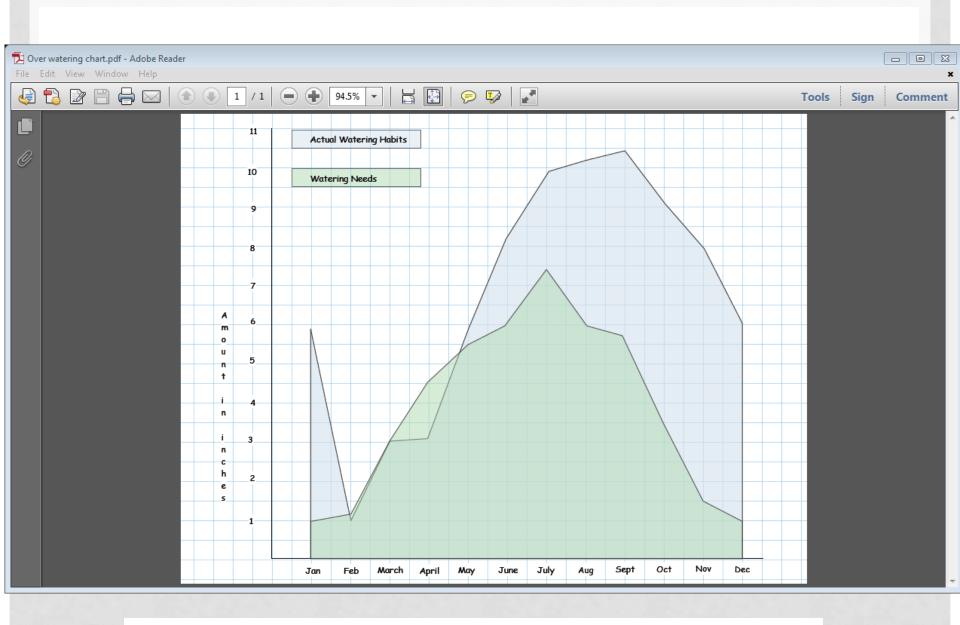








Allow top two inches of soil to dry between watering cycles (established plantings only)



Schedule Irrigation Wisely

# WATER BY THE HOLIDAYS



Easter 40%



Cinco de Mayo 60%



Fourth of July 100%



Labor Day 60 %



Halloween - 30 % (or OFF!)



Thanksgiving OFF

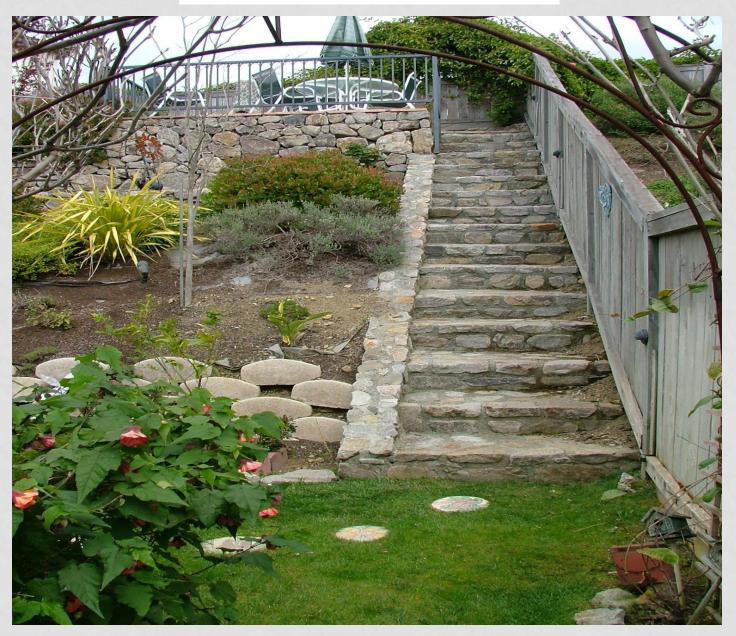
## CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENT

- Think outside the box
- Structural changes
- Alter the soil
  - Aeration
  - Amendments
  - Mulching





#### Structural changes



#### Use Drought Tolerant Plants



## Do you really need a lawn?

1/3 or less!

### Before



#### Newly Planted Lawn Rebate Yard



#### 18 months later





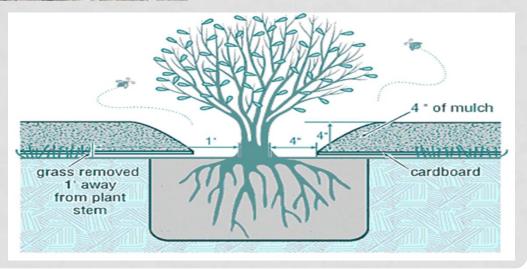


Aerate your soil, it adds oxygen to the soil

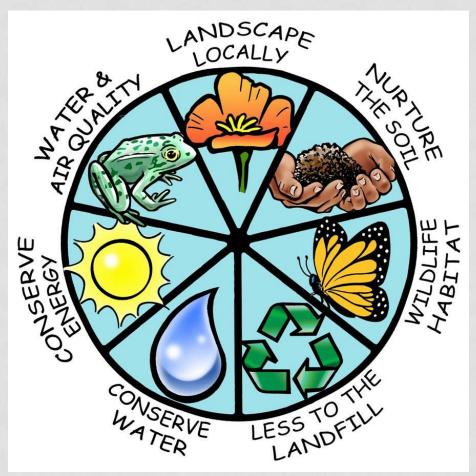
Amend your soil using compost



Mulch your soil for procection



#### Bay Friendly is Water Friendly



Bay Friendly gardening builds a healthy soil that in turn supports a healthy environment

#### A Bay Friendly Project



Front Yard

Before



#### A Bay Friendly Project



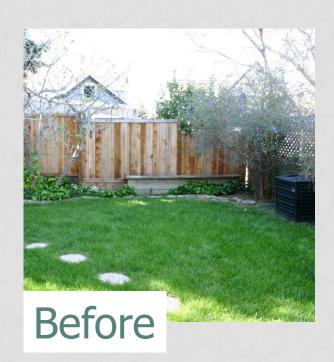
Front Yard

After



#### A Bay Friendly Project

#### **Back Yard**





# The Bay Friendly Process



Find a Location



Mow the weeds Lay out the cardboard



Dig holes for large plants
Lay out irrigation
Top with 3-4"compost and 3-4"mulch



Watch things grow!

#### **HOW MUCH MULCH?**

Depth of mulch	Volume required to cover 100 Sq. Ft.
1/2"	4 cu. ft.
1"	8 cu. ft.
2"	17 cu. ft.
3"	1 cu. yd.

*Trick:* cubic feet required = area (sq. ft.) x depth (inches) / 12 This applies to water also, 1 cubic foot of water = 7.48 gallons

# QUESTIONS?

# THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT!