

There are Choices to Satisfy Everyone

Listed below are just a few of the many native California and other water-saving shrubs, groundcovers and ornamental grasses. Replacing a grass lawn with water conserving plants can save as much as 42 gallons of water annually per square foot.



Seaside Daisy



UCVerde Buffalograss
Buchloe dactyloids 'UCVerde'



Woolly Yarrow
Achillea tomentosa



Hen and Chicks
Echeveria imbricata



Bird's Foot Trefoil
Lotus corniculatus 'Plenus'



California Meadow Sedge
Carex pansa



Bearberry
Arctostaphylos 'Pacific Mist'



California Fescue
Festuca californica



Lippia
Phyla nodiflora 'Lippia repens'



Dune Sedge
Carex praegracilis



African Daisy
Arctotis acaulis



Green Carpet, Rupture Wort
Herniaria glabra



Creeping Sage
Salvia 'Bee's Bliss'



Hybrid Bermuda
Cynodon dactylon 'GN-1'



Chamomile
Chamaemelum nobile



Creeping Thyme
Thymus praecox arcticus



Stonecrop
Sedum



Hachita Blue Grama
Bouteloua gracilis 'Hachita'



Sea Spray Paspalum
Paspalum vaginatum 'Sea Spray'



Common Yarrow
Achillea millefolium



Dymondia
Dymondia margaretae

These are just some of the thousands of beautiful, hardy, water-saving plants available for you to choose from for your Parkway landscaping needs.

Valuable Rebates Save Money and Water

Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles – Rotating nozzles can help eliminate harmful water runoff that flows from your landscape and eventually enters the ocean. Using multi-trajectory, rotating streams of water, rotating nozzles water more efficiently and uniformly than traditional sprinkler heads. *They can reduce your outdoor water use by up to 30%.*



Drip Irrigation – Water your landscape more efficiently and save water by converting areas irrigated by spray heads to drip irrigation. Rather than spraying wide areas, drip systems utilize point emitters to deliver water to specific locations at or near plant root zones. Water drips slowly from the emitters either onto the soil surface or below ground.



For current rebates and participation process visit www.ocwatersmart.com

Important Contact Information

To learn more about the incredible variety of water-saving plants available, and to obtain guidance for self-installation, visit these useful websites:

www.surfcitygardening.com ♦ www.bewaterwise.com

And finally, many local gardening shops provide landscape design assistance, and can help you select the best plants for your conditions. These, and other useful service providers, can be found throughout our City.



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PARKWAY DESIGN GUIDELINES

*Beautify & Improve Your Home
As You Prepare it for a Greener,
Better Future*



- Plan to Conserve Water
- Increase Your Home's Value
- Reduce Maintenance Costs
- Save Both Money and Time

REBATES AND FINANCIAL INCENTIVES
ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

Guidelines for Parkway Landscaping

Parkways, the area between the outside edge of the sidewalk and the inside edge of the curb, are a component of the public right-of-way. These City approved guidelines allow property owners to create attractive, useful frontages adjacent to their property.

- **To promote water conservation**, the Guidelines require new plants and turf be water-efficient, climate appropriate, native/indigenous, as well as non-invasive. In addition, hand watering, or the use of low volume, non-overhead irrigation systems are encouraged, and water runoff is prohibited from the parkway and private property.
- **To ensure access to the sidewalk** from cars parked at the curb, a step-out strip (a uniform, firm walking surface) is required along the length of the curb. It can be turf, grass, walkable groundcovers (including mulch, bark, or rock), pavers, brick, or decomposed granite. At least one unimpeded path is required from the curb to the sidewalk.
- **To protect the open visibility** of fire hydrants, streetlighting, and municipal signs, and to ensure the unimpeded view of traffic, plants in the Parkway shall not exceed 24 inches in height.
- **To eliminate potential hazards and nuisances**, plants with thorns, stickers, or edible fruit are prohibited, as are objects such as large boulders, statues, benches, fences, and raised planters and pots, as well as other similar decorative items, along with pea gravel, sand, or other loose small rock that can be easily kicked out or otherwise displaced on the sidewalk or gutter.
- **To guard against tripping hazards**, bricks, flagstone and pavers must be maintained flush with the ground and adjacent sidewalk.
- **The health and stability of existing street trees** must not be compromised. Particular attention must be paid to landscaping within the Critical Root Zone of the tree.



Illustrated Parkway Guidelines

Acceptable Parkway Landscaping

Ground cover material shall be maintained and grade must be flush with the adjacent sidewalk.



Allowing pedestrians safe access to and from off-street parking is required.



Parkways shall provide vehicle operators safe access to and from off-street parking.



Mulch and native drought-tolerant plants requiring little or no irrigation are preferred.



Prohibited Parkway Landscaping

Materials such as bricks, flagstone, and pavers must remain flush with the ground so as not to pose a tripping hazard.



Plants with sharp, pointy protrusions such as needles or thorns are not allowed.



Plant materials should not exceed 24 inches in height.



Synthetic turf shall not be installed within 16 feet of an existing parkway tree.



There are various City Codes and Standards which provide guidance for Parkway landscaping. **Standard 724: Synthetic Turf Installation**, and **Standard 725: Parkway Hardscape Fill**, provide direction for installation of these semi-permanent features. For assistance with these, and other Municipal Codes, or to obtain a permit for right-of-way encroachment, contact:

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Additional Parkway Guidelines

- **To maintain compatibility with street trees**, the Guidelines address synthetic turf, and require that it be kept at least 8 feet on both sides of the trunk of a Parkway tree, to ensure proper irrigation is maintained. See Landscape Standard Plan No. 725 for maintaining tree clearances.
- **Trimming of parkway trees** is prohibited by the homeowner or their contractor and is performed by the City only.
- **Low-volume, non-spray (drip) irrigation systems** or hand watering is preferred for parkways. Installation of overhead irrigation sprinklers is strongly discouraged. Existing systems with spray irrigation heads may be retro-fitted with acceptable low flow rotary nozzles or drip irrigation. When and where spray head systems are used within the parkway, all spray heads shall be of the pop-up type, fully retractable to be flush with the adjacent surface when not in use.
- **The City has the right** to request the removal of and/or remove any offending improvements and restore the parkway using City staff. The abutting property owner shall be responsible for the reimbursement of all costs incurred by the City to properly restore parkway areas fronting their property.
- **A permit is generally not required** for landscaping parkways. Municipal Code Section 12.38 defines the encroachments that require a permit. Check with the Public Works Department before beginning construction.



Questions regarding trees in the parkway? Contact our Trees Division at (714) 536-5480. Our Tree Inspector can help you with the City guidelines.

