

WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING CHECKLIST

Sunnyvale

This form is required for all landscaping projects requiring review and approval by the Planning Division. For more details on landscaping, irrigation and usable open space requirements, see SMC 19.37.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Site Address:					
APN:	Zoning:		Landscaped area means a portion of a site planted with vegetation utilized for screening or ornamentation. Landscaped areas may include		
Planning Project #:		decorative rock or stone, provided that such materials are incidental and do not comprise more than thirty percent of the area. For purposes of computation of landscaped area as that term is			
Total Project Landscaped Area (sq. ft.):		used in this title, automobile parking areas, storage areas, vehicular ways and specifically permitted unenclosed uses shall not be considered as landscaping.			
Check all that apply to the project:		Nonresidential	Turf means a ground cover surface of mowed grass. Special landscaped area means an area of the		
% Native, low water or no water use plants installed:			landscaping dedicated solely to edible plants, recreational areas, areas irrigated with recycled water, water features using recycled water, and areas dedicated to active play such as parks, sports fields, golf courses, and where turf provides		
			a playing surface.		

APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Note: The landscaping and irrigation plans shall be prepared by, and bear the signature of, a certified professional, unless the total landscaped area is less than 2,500 square feet.

Name:		Certified Professional Name (if different from applicant):	
Phone:	Email:		
()		License or Certification #:	

CERTIFICATION

I am aware of available informational resources regarding native and water-wise plants, irrigation efficiency, and other aspects of water-efficient landscaping. I certify that the information provided on this checklist is correct, and that the landscaping project meets the specified requirements of Chapter 19.37 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

REQUIREMENT		PROJECT COMPLIANCE (Applicant to complete)	STAFF REVIEW
Water Efficiency Design	 Landscaping design and plant selection is based on one of two options: <u>Option 1:</u> No turf/lawn or high water use plants; at least 80% of plants installed are native, low water or no water use plants. <u>Option 2:</u> Landscaping design is based on water budget calculations. 	 Option 1 Option 2. Completed Water Budget Calculation Worksheets included. 	
Plant Material	Variety - Landscaping includes trees, shrubs, vines, flower, ground covers or a combination	□ Yes	
	Size - Proposed plants are sized and spaced to achieve immediate effect in accordance w/ horticultural industry practices	□ Yes	

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST (continued)

REQUIREMENT		PROJECT COMPLIANCE (Applicant to complete)	STAFF REVIEW
Trees	One (1) tree per 1,000 sq. ft. of <u>required</u> landscaped area (per SMC 19.37.040) in addition to required parking lot shading trees	□ Yes □ Not applicable	
	"Protected trees" (SMC 19.94.030) proposed for removal will be replaced per City's Tree Replacement Policy	☐ Yes☐ Not applicable	
Turf/Lawn (Option 2 - Water Budget Calc. Only)	Turf is tall fescue or similar	□ Yes	
	Turf is planted on slope < 10% if slope is adjacent to hardscape	□ Yes □ Not applicable	
	No turf in areas less than 10 ft. wide adjacent to impervious area	□ Yes	
Hydrozones	Plants with similar water needs are grouped together	□ Yes	
	Areas that mix plants with different water needs are captured in the water budget calculations, except that high water use plants are not mixed with low water use plants	☐ Yes☐ Not applicable	
	Water features not using recycled water and any pools/spas are included in the high water use hydrozone	☐ Yes☐ Not applicable	
Soil	Mulch will cover all exposed soil areas at a min. depth of 3 inches	□ Yes	
Management	Soils will be amended for selected plants and compacted soils will be transformed into a friable condition	□ Yes	
	Compost will be incorporated at a minimum 4 cubic yards per 1,000 sq. ft. to a depth of 6 inches	□ Yes	
	Grading is designed to minimize soil erosion, runoff and water waste	□ Yes	
Water Features	Uses recirculating water system; uses recycled water if available	YesNot applicable	
Pools/Spas (Option 2 - Water Budget Calc. Only)	Included in high water use hydrozone and will include a cover	☐ Yes☐ Not applicable	
Irrigation System Design	All landscaped areas will have a permanent irrigation system (required for all projects except for single-family and duplex)	□ Yes □ Not applicable	
	Designed and will be maintained to meet or exceed 81% irrigation efficiency for drop systems and 75% efficiency for overhead spray	☐ Yes☐ Not applicable	
	Drip irrigation (non-spray) used for trees, shrubs, mulched areas, areas with slope >10% and areas less than 10 ft. wide	□ Yes □ Not applicable	
	If used, overhead spray irrigation is used for clustered shrubs and turf areas at least 10 ft. wide, and devices meet ANSI Landscape Irrigation Sprinkler and Emitter Standards	☐ Yes ☐ Not applicable	
	Valves and control circuits are separated based on water needs of a hydrozone and master and manual shut-off valves are incorporated	☐ Yes☐ Not applicable	
	Irrigation controllers utilizing evapotranspiration or soil moisture sensor data and capable of dual or multiple programming are used	□ Yes □ Not applicable	
	Sensors that suspend irrigation during unfavorable weather conditions or if the soil is still moist are incorporated	Yes Not applicable	
	Pressure regulators are incorporated if the water pressure does not meet the recommended pressure of the devices	□ Yes □ Not applicable	
	Flow sensors installed for any landscaped areas 5,000 sq. ft. or larger	☐ Yes☐ Not applicable	
	Irrigation controllers and backflow devices are screened from public view	□ Yes □ Not applicable	