

6 KEY WAYS TO CREATE A DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPE

1. HYDROZONE



2. SELECT PLANTS



3. PLAN IRRIGATION



PLANNING YOUR LANDSCAPE

BEFORE Sketch your current landscape. Use numbers on the left to identify features. Indicate full sun, partial sun and full shade areas.

Use numbers to label your sketch with current landscape elements:

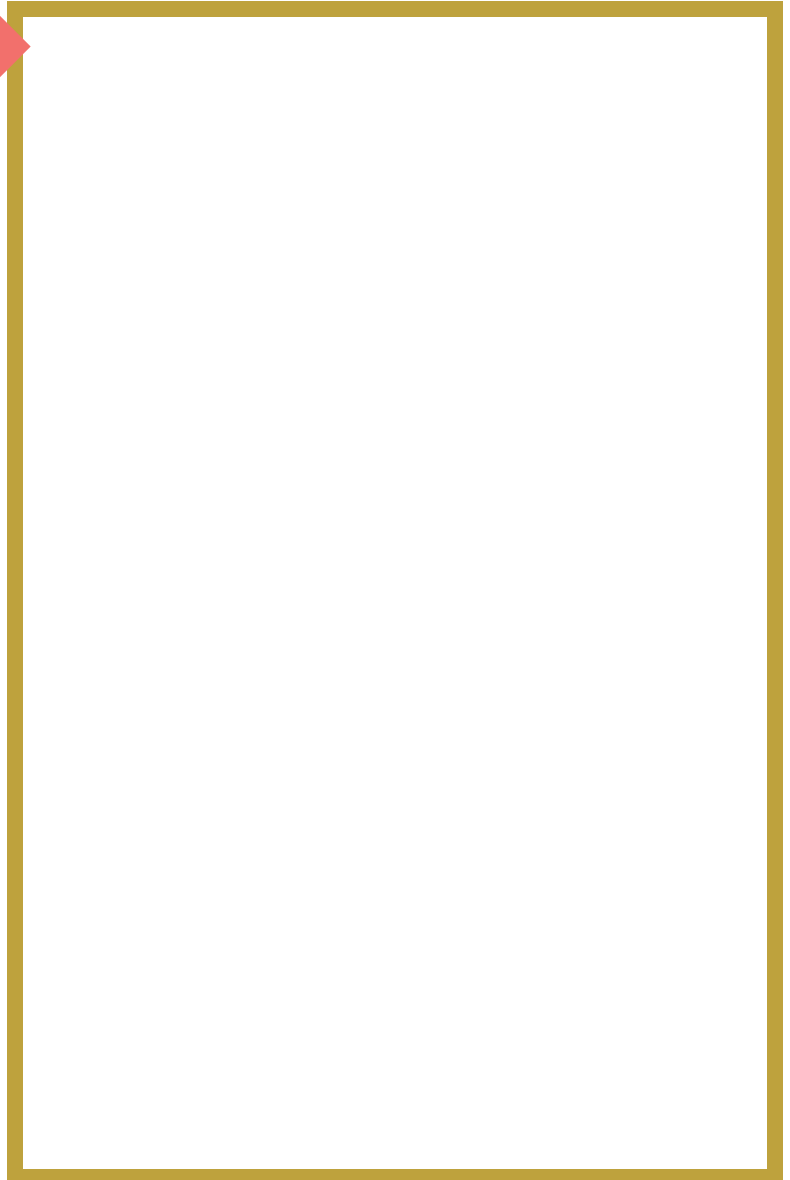
1. Edible Garden
2. Viewing Garden: ornamental, wildlife habitat
3. Grass
4. Hardscape
5. Plants and groundcover
6. Container (raised bed, pots)
7. Not currently planted (dirt)
8. Irrigation

The current drainage is:

9. Natural soil drainage (absorbs water, runoff, puddles...)
10. Landscape drains in ground already (drain to stormdrain)
11. Existing bioswale

My current soil is:

☐ Sandy ☐ Clay ☐ Loam



4. COLLECT RAINWATER



5. USE MULCH



6. REPLACE LAWN



AFTER Sketch Smart Gardening changes you wish to make to your landscape.

Use numbers to label your sketch with new/improved landscape elements:

1. Edible Garden
2. Viewing Garden: ornamental, wildlife habitat
3. Active space (kids playing, putting green, frisbee, etc.)
4. Outdoor living (dining, lounging)

What elements do you wish to use?

5. Plants and groundcover:
 - 5a Drought tolerant
 - 5b Native
 - 5c Hardscape: Stone, pebbles, gravel, concrete
6. Container (raised bed, pots)
7. Grass
8. Rain barrels
9. Bioswale
10. Irrigation

Amend soil by adding organic

material: *compost from store, compost made at home, and adding other organic materials*

COMPOSTING AT HOME

BACKYARD COMPOST BIN



GREENS
I can recycle

BROWNS
I can recycle

KEEP OUT
of bins

WORM COMPOST BIN



EDIBLE GARDENS: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLANT TO EAT?

WARM SEASON

COOL SEASON

BRIDGE SEASON

YEAR ROUND

ONLINE RESOURCES

LAWN REPLACEMENT

Los Angeles Department of Power & Water:
savethedropla.com/save-the-drop/ladwp-rebates

Metropolitan Water District:
bewaterwise.com/turf-replacement-program.html

Los Angeles County Waterworks District:
dpw.lacounty.gov/www/web/Conservation/CashforGrass.aspx

MULCH

City of LA residents (11 free distribution sites):
lacitysan.org/freemulch

Other areas:
Check with your city or waste hauler

DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS

bewaterwise.com
theodorepayne.org
avr.cd.org
rsabg.org
laspililas.com
highcountrygardens.com
plantnative.org

WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

Los Angeles Department of Power & Water:
savethedropla.com/save-the-drop/ladwp-rebates

LA County PACE Program:
pace.lacounty.gov/residential

Be Water Wise rebates:
socalwatersmart.com/en/residential/

ORGANIC GARDENING:

SmartGardening.com
SunsetWesternGardenCollection.com
LAGardenBlog.com
SquareFootGardening.org
UCANR.edu

PESTS

lacountyipm.org/