

7 STEPS

to A SUCCESSFUL DROUGHT-TOLERANT GARDEN



1 CONTACT YOUR LOCAL WATER AGENCY



Many [water agencies](#) offer generous rebates to help you replace turf with drought-friendly native plants.

2 REMOVE YOUR LAWN



Sheet mulching is easy and affordable. Start in early summer, so your yard will be ready for fall planting. Learn more about [ways to remove your lawn](#).

3 DREAM AND DESIGN



Get to know the “*three Ps*” of native plant landscaping. Find inspiration on garden tours and at [cnps.org](#).

4 MAKE A LIST, CHECK IT TWICE



Study your yard, noticing areas of shade, water retention, and sun exposure. Use [calscape.org](#) or [gardenplanner.calscape.org](#) to find the right plant for the right place.

5 PREP YOUR SITE



Install your irrigation and hardscaping ahead of planting day. Check out [tips for irrigation](#) and [the watershed approach](#) to gardening.

6 SHOP



Just before rainy season begins (usually in October), take your plant list to the nursery to shop for [native California plants](#).

7 PLANT!



Get those beautiful new plants in the ground by following [these planting tips](#) and [suggestions](#). California native plants require far less maintenance than traditional gardens, but the first year is [key to healthy growth](#). *Enjoy!*