



# JAVIER VALDEZ

## MONTEREY BAY CERTIFIED Green Gardener

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Valdez Landscaping is a 12 year old full service ecological landscaping company. Javier Valdez received Green Gardener Certification to gain additional expertise in organic gardening and selecting native and drought tolerant plants. Mr. Valdez received his Advanced Green Gardener Certification in November, 2006



### GREEN GARDENING SPECIALTY SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Organic Gardening
- Irrigation Installation and Troubleshooting

### CLIENT REFERENCES:

Community Church of Monterey, (831) 624-8595  
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THE MONTEREY BAY

# Green Gardener PROGRAM



**The Monterey Bay Green Gardener Program** is a regional program designed to offer education, training, certification and promotion of participating gardeners and landscape maintenance contractors to improve resource efficiency and reduce pollution on landscape sites and to improve the health, appearance and value of landscapes for customers.

## Benefits from Choosing a Green Gardener:

- Long-term economic savings due to reduced use of resources
- Healthier landscapes, children, pets and wildlife
- Money spent helps to protect the environment

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## **Certified Green Gardeners have completed 20 hours of instruction and passed a final exam in the following core areas:**

**SOIL HEALTH** Green Gardeners understand soil texture and structure, and how to manage the biological fertility of soils. They are familiar with techniques and methods to evaluate and improve soil health.

**FERTILIZERS** Green Gardeners can match plant nutrition requirements with the appropriate use of organic and slow-release fertilizers and can save you money through “grass cycling”.

**MULCHES & COMPOST** Green Gardeners know how to source and apply mulches and composts in the landscape to provide natural weed control, conserve water, improve soil fertility and reduce green waste.

**PLANT SELECTION** When installing or replacing a landscape, Green Gardeners have been trained to select water conserving or native plants that are adapted to local microclimates and the unique conditions of the landscape.

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)** Green Gardeners utilize pest management approaches that reduce risk to the environment, including monitoring, physical, cultural, biological and less toxic chemical controls.

**IRRIGATION** Green Gardeners understand how to match irrigation needs to soil and plant type, how to operate new and old irrigation hardware systems and controllers and can effectively troubleshoot an irrigation system to minimize water run-off.

**PRUNING** Green Gardeners are familiar with pruning styles and techniques that encourage long-term plant health.

**AIR QUALITY** Green Gardeners can minimize air and noise pollution through the use of hand and electric powered landscaping equipment.



The Monterey Bay Green Gardener Certification Program is coordinated by Ecology Action and is funded by the State Water Resources Control Board through a Proposition 13 grant. Contact Ecology Action for more information at (831) 426-5925 x161