



# Green Gardener Client Services Agreement



**This agreement for landscaping services is between**

Property Owner : \_\_\_\_\_ and Landscaping Professional/Green Gardener:

Ms./Mrs./Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Property Owner specifies the following services (check all that apply):**

**Water Monitoring & Irrigation:**

- Create a base irrigation schedule according to plant water requirements and hydrozones, irrigation uniformity, soil type, and slope.
- Reprogram my automatic irrigation controller every two weeks or monthly based on actual or historical water evapotranspiration data OR install a SMART controller.
- Evaluate and adjust my irrigation system monthly, including delivery pressure, sprinkler heads, emitters, etc. Ensure that there is no runoff at the completion of irrigation cycles.
- Retrofit my irrigation system for maximum efficiency. Inform me of any new rebate opportunities.
- Install and/or maintain my graywater irrigation system
- Other:

**Soil Management and Fertility:**

- Use compost in my landscape whenever possible.
- Cover bare soil with mulch to prevent weeds and conserve soil moisture.
- Utilize mulch materials on site first, e.g. leaves and trimmings.
- Use mulch materials produced from local, Monterey Bay area sources.
- Use slow-release, natural fertilizer on my landscape if needed (studies show that significant amounts of quick release fertilizers are lost in air or water runoff).
- Cut grass with a mulching mower.
- Plug (aerate) any grass areas (turf) on my property frequently as suited to conditions.
- Follow plugging with a top-dressing of sand or compost.
- Other:

**Plant Selection:**

- Review new plants according to needs including space required for adult plant size, light, soil, water, fertilizer and pruning.
- Choose drought resistant plants that conserve water.
- Place plants in my landscape requiring little or no pruning, which maximize natural shape and colors and reduce green waste, labor and pollution.
- Other:



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## **Pest Management:**

- Use pest control methods other than chemicals in my landscape first. Integrated Pest Management methods include observation, regular irrigation management, composting and mulching, physical controls such as weeding, flaming and pruning, and biological controls.
- Establish/maintain pollen and nectar sources in my landscape to attract beneficial insects.
- Only use pesticides rated least harmful to human health, the environment, and water quality.
- Notify me prior to application of any pesticide to obtain my prior consent.
- Other:

## **Pruning:**

- Restore plants that have been boxed or topped to natural pruning.
- Prune based on property safety and plant health considerations.
- Reuse trimmings for mulch material as appropriate.
- Compost all materials on-site that are neither mulched nor disposed of in yard waste.
- Establish a compost bin on site for other trimmings.
- Other:

## **Air Quality:**

- Use only manual labor on my landscape (no electric or gas powered equipment).
- Use electric equipment on my landscape first. Use well-tuned gas -powered equipment for larger jobs.
- Ensure gas-powered motorized equipment complies with US E.P.A. PH1 and 2000 California Emissions Regulations.
- Other:

## **Sustainable Design and Stormwater Management:**

- Redirect my downspouts to vegetated areas, swales, or rain gardens to filter and/or infiltrate stormwater runoff from my property.
- Ensure that all new hardscape areas are constructed with permeable materials.
- Replace existing hardscape area with permeable materials.
- Educate me about the potential for reusing and recycling resources in landscape construction projects.
- Other:

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Landscaping Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_