



Chapter 14.17 Water-Efficient Landscape Ordinance Checklist of Applicability/Submittal Requirements

[Chapter 14.17 \(Water-Efficient Landscape Ordinance\)](#) promotes the design, installation, and maintenance of landscaping in a manner that conserves regional water resources by ensuring that landscaping projects are not unduly water-needy and that irrigation systems are appropriately implemented to minimize water waste. The City's ordinance is consistent with the requirements **mandated by State Law**. Refer to the [Landscape Design Standards](#) for comprehensive information about the submittal requirements and copies of the appendices referenced below:

I. **Applicability**

- Landscape Documentation Package Required**
 - > 500 square feet of new landscaping
 - > 2,500 square feet of rehabilitated landscaping
- Prescriptive Compliance Option (qualifying projects include <2500 square feet of new landscaping)**
- Exempt**
 - Rehabilitated Project- projects that consist of replacement plantings with lower water needs and the irrigation system is designed, operable, and programmed to comply with City water conservation regulations. Letter or documentation from a Licensed Professional required.
 - Other: _____

Note: See Chapter 14.17 for complete applicability.

II. **Landscape Documentation Package – See Section 2 of [Landscape Design Standards](#): (Preparation by a Licensed Professional is Required)**

- Project Information -including project name, date, address, parcel/lot number, total new/rehabilitated landscape area in square footage, water supply type, and project contact information (applicant and property owner).
- Certification of Landscape Design ([Appendix B](#))
- Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) and Estimated Applied Water Use (EAWU) Calculations ([Appendix C](#) and [Appendix D](#))
- Soil Management Report
- Landscape Planting Plan (Landscape Design Plan)
- Irrigation Design Plan with hydrozones identified
- Grading Design Plan
- Hold on final for submittal of Certification of Completion Package (see requirements below)

Note: Refer to [Landscape Design Standards](#) for complete requirements

III. Prescriptive Compliance: (qualifying projects include <2,500 square feet of new or rehabilitated landscaping). Refer to [Appendix H](#).

- Plans –Landscape Plans must include planting plan and irrigation design plan.
- Project Information -including project name, date, address, parcel/lot number, total new/rehabilitated landscape area in square footage, water supply type, and project contact information (applicant and property owner).
- Confirmation project scope complies with the following:
 - Turf area does not exceed 25% of landscape planting area (prohibited on slope areas and parkways less than 10 feet wide)
 - 75% of landscape area must be planted with climate adapted plants with an average WUCOLS plant factor of 0.3.
 - Compost at a rate of four cubic yards per 1,000 square feet to a depth of six inches
 - 3-inch mulch layer applied to all planting areas (excluding turf areas)
 - Automatic irrigation controllers with manual shut-off valves
- Statement, “I agree to comply with the requirements of the prescriptive compliance option to the MWEL0.”
- Hold on final for submittal of Certification of Completion Package (see requirements below)

Notes:

- Refer to Design standards and [Appendix H](#) for complete requirements.
- Preparation by a Licensed Professional **is not** required for the Prescriptive Compliance Option.
- Landscape projects not eligible for or using the Prescriptive Compliance Option are required to prepare a complete Landscape Documentation Package.

IV. Certification of Completion Package: (Prior to Final)

- Certificate of Installation ([Appendix E](#))
- Enrollment in an Audit Program (Choose One):
 - Third party certified landscape irrigation auditor; **or**
 - Enrollment in a regional or local water suppliers water conservation program (Suggested, MWDOC: <http://www.waterprograms.com/wb>)
- Post-Installation Irrigation Schedule and Landscape/Irrigation Maintenance Schedule