



Your Front Yard **Land**scape

During the drought, Moreno Valley residents made great efforts to conserve water including reducing outdoor water usage. Now that the drought is officially over, residents can focus on maintaining a healthy and water friendly front yard landscape. Maintaining a healthy and attractive landscape is not only beneficial to the community's overall image and pride, it also complies with the City's Municipal Code (MVMC 6.04.040, 9.17).

The drought is over, but water conservation measures still remain in place. The City offers some resources and programs that will help to **Green UP** your yard, while keeping outdoor water usage to a minimum:

- Free over-the-counter front yard landscape plan review
- Access to free mulch/bark (*subject to availability*)
- Visit **moval.org** for water saving landscape websites and related information
- New Habit for Humanity HOME Repair Program (*effective January 2018*)

Green UP Tips



DO USE

- Native water-wise plants
- Mulch, bark & rocks
- Real Turf (*max 25% in active areas*)
- City website
- City resources & programs



AVOID

- Planting high-water consumption plants
- Brown/dead lawns
- Neglecting yard maintenance: trim shrubbery



Important Post-Drought Information

(Effective April 7, 2017)

Unkempt yard/landscaping will now be subject to proactive enforcement. Examples include:

- Brown/dead/dry lawns
- Overgrown shrubbery and vegetation

Revised grace period from 180 days to 90 days for cases initiated on or after June 1, 2017:

- Case review after 90 day grace period
- Additional extensions considered for cause

Drought Timeline

- 2009 • MVMC updated landscape water efficiency design standards (section 9.17 landscape)
- 2014 • **Jan: Governor declares drought**
• State of Emergency instituted
- 2015 • May: EMWD introduces emergency drought regulations
• Jun: Community Development presents drought landscape requirements
• **July: Governor signs order preventing citations for brown lawns**
• July: Moyal.org updated with helpful drought information
- 2017 • **April: Governor declares drought over lifts watering restrictions**
• April: Pre-drought proactive enforcement resumes
• Oct: Moyal.org updated with new drought information

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