### **Planting Natives**

Using low-water use and native plants promotes wise stewardship of our land and water conservation. Native species have evolved over time with the biological and physical factors specific to our region such as soil, climate, and rainfall.

Choosing native plants allows developed landscapes to coexist with nature, rather than compete with it. In addition to their natural beauty, incorporating native plants into your own garden offers many benefits for both you and our environment – they provide water-conserving, drought-tolerant and sustainable garden design choices.

For more information about the benefits of incorporating native plants in your own garden, please visit the websites listed below.

# **Additional Resources**

www.WaterWiseVisalia.com www.CalWater.com http://www.cnps.org/cnps/grownative/ www.GoGreenVisalia.com

# City of Visalia Low-Water Use Landscape Design Award



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# APPLICATION Visalia Low-Water Use Landscape Design Award



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The Visalia Environmental Committee recognizes local landscapes that demonstrate a meaningful reduction in outdoor water use. Low-Water gardening is an alternative way of gardening that reduces water use. It doesn't mean ripping out your lawn and replacing it with gravel and cactus. Instead, it refers to applying low-water principles in your landscape plan, including choosing low water use plants, using wood chips in your beds to reduce evaporation, adding compost to your soil to improve water capacity, and using sensible watering practices. Smart watering habits can keep your landscape healthy and beautiful without wasting water or money.

Have you installed a low-water use landscape at your home or business? If so, please complete the following questions with as much information as you feel comfortable sharing. Attach photos and other informational materials as applicable. Thank you for participating.

#### Visalia Low-Water Use Landscape Design Award

The Visalia Environmental Committee (V.E.C.) is pleased to host the Low-Water Use Landscape Design Award program. The goal of the program is to provide a venue for Visalia community members and businesses to share successes with designing and implementing low-water use landscaping.



Each winner will be recognized at a City of Visalia Council meeting for the low-water use the landscape, and will recieve a "Low-Water Use Champion" yard sign to display a the home and/or business. Thank you for helping Visalia conserve water!

### Program Guidelines

- Must be a residence or a business located in Visalia Ca.
- Two categories: Residential or Commercial



- Applicant must complete the program application and agree to allow photographs, signage, etc. of the low-water use landscape.
- Program or project has been implemented; applicant should provide pictures of project (if available).

Each project will be judged by a committee on aesthetics, innovation, ease of replication and water conservation achieved.

Applications can be submitted to nronline@visalia.city or delivered to 425 E. Oak Avenue, Ste. 201, Visalia. For more information, call (559)-713-4531. PDF version available online.

Phone:	E-mail:
Cirlce One	: Residential Commercial
Total squa	re feet: Total cost:
Why did y	ou decide to plant a low water use garden on your property
Howlong	did your project take?
now long	
	scribe the water conservation measures that were installed, nticipated impact: