



OMWD Welcomes Entries in 2020 WaterSmart Landscape Contest

Encinitas, CA—Olivenhain Municipal Water District invites residents with water-efficient gardens to enter the 2020 WaterSmart Landscape Contest. The winning landscape will receive \$250. The deadline to apply is April 27, and applications are available at www.landscapecontest.com.

Up to 80 percent of local household water consumption is outdoors. Upgrading to a water-efficient landscape can be one of the most effective means to reduce one's water use. The contest aims to inspire more residents to consider a landscape makeover by showcasing the beauty and variety of low-water landscapes.

Landscaping for water efficiency has benefits that go beyond reducing water consumption and water bill costs. Climate-appropriate gardens can improve a home's curb appeal and they often require less maintenance than their thirsty counterparts. Many native plant selections have fire-resistant qualities and provide habitat for local wildlife.

Contest entries will be judged on a variety of criteria such as attractiveness, appropriate plant selection, functionality, and efficient irrigation methods.

In addition to a \$250 prize, the 2020 winner of the WaterSmart Landscape Contest will receive recognition at OMWD's June 17 Board of Directors meeting and in OMWD publications.

Several San Diego County water agencies are participating in this annual landscape contest. Visit www.landscapecontest.com for additional information and to see images of previous years' winning landscapes.

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Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 86,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

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