1. A “Water Wise Landscape Program” is a landscape that uses drought tolerant, California friendly landscaping in lieu of large turf areas, and that uses efficient irrigation.

2. Residents should prepare a design plan for the area to be converted from an existing landscape before beginning the process of retiring the turf, amending the soil as necessary, retrofitting the irrigation system (if applicable), grading and planting. Information about removing turf and getting started with sample design templates, irrigation system retrofitting, and the selection of water-efficient plant materials is available from the following websites and similar sites, and from published literature:

   Water Wise Landscape advice is also available at the Water Resources Institute at Cal State, San Bernardino at: (909) 537-7687.

3. A Water Wise Landscape shall consist of water-efficient, drought tolerant and native plant material and may include ground covers, small plants, shrubs and appropriate trees. Buffer areas and bioswales may be included and may be designed with rocks, cobble or decomposed granite, landscaped shrubs or accents, or suitable ground cover.

4. All planted areas must be a minimum of one inch below adjacent hardscapes (sidewalks and driveways) to eliminate runoff and overflow of irrigation water.

5. Avoid the use of mounded or sloped planting areas that would contribute to runoff of irrigation water onto non-irrigated areas, walks, roadways or structures.

6. Any turf areas should be set back at least 24 inches from curbs, driveways, sidewalks or any other area that may result in runoff of irrigation water onto streets.

7. Plants having similar water use should be grouped together so you can water efficiently. These groupings are called “hydrozones.”

8. Annual color plantings should be used only in areas of high visual impact close to where people can appreciate them. Otherwise perennial plantings should be the primary source of color.

9. Landscaping must not obstruct or interfere with street signs, lights or road/walkway visibility.

**Maintenance**

Landscapes shall be maintained to ensure water efficiency including replenishing mulch; fertilizing; pruning; and weeding in all landscaped areas. Regular maintenance of irrigation system (if applicable) should include checking, adjusting, cleaning and repairing irrigation equipment; resetting the automatic controller, aerating and dethatching turf areas.