



Community WaterSmart Garden Grant Program

Maintenance Agreement

Name of Organization and Contact Person:	
Address, City, Zip:	
Phone:	Email:
EBMUD Acct. #:	
Garden Location	Address:
	City:
<p>Long term maintenance is key to the success of any garden project. This agreement establishes the criteria and schedule of maintenance for the garden listed above. Good maintenance includes the following elements:</p>	
1. Efficient water use	Sub-meter garden and provide monthly meter readings to EBMUD. If automatic irrigation controller is installed, provide a controller map and base irrigation schedules.
2. Low water-use plants.	Maintain original design. If plantings fail, replant.
3. Appropriate use of fertilizers.	Minimize supplemental fertilizers. Use slow release and organic products.
4. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Minimize or eliminate pesticide use.
5. Consistent weed removal.	Weeding required at least monthly.
6. Proper pruning techniques	No hedge shears on shrubs, no mowing of ornamental grasses.
7. Compost regularly	Organic material generated from pruning should be recycled.
8. Apply mulch	Soil must be covered with at least a 3-inch layer of mulch and reapplied every 6 months.





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Schedule of Maintenance			
<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Report to EBMUD</u>
Meter readings	One each	Bi-Monthly	Yes
Replanting	As needed	Upon failure	Yes
Fertilize	As little as possible	Spring and Fall	Yes
Weeding	Throughout	At least monthly	No
Mulch	3"	Bi-annually	No

The applicant agrees to maintain the garden as described for five (5) years. Grant awards are subject to reimbursement to EBMUD in the event that gardens are not maintained per the agreement or are removed prematurely. The garden will be inspected by EBMUD staff to confirm compliance with the Maintenance Agreement. At any time, if the garden has not been maintained and is not restored to an acceptable level within 6 months, signage with the EBMUD logo will be removed by the grant participant.

I / We, _____ (print name(s)), the undersigned, agree to maintain this WaterSmart Garden based on the conditions and criteria outlined above:

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Signature

Date