



Additional Informational Resources for Various CNPLC Related Topics from CBWCD and others, June 2023

Here are a few suggestions and links for additional content not mentioned in other CNPLC resources created by Chino Basin Water Conservation District you may find useful:

Lesson 2: Plant ID

Waterwise Garden Planner: waterwisegardenplanner.org

Seek phone app (created by iNaturalist): free phone app that uses camera to make plant identification suggestions. Not always perfect, but pretty good with many plants. Best to look up its ID result using Google image search or other online references to verify. Will not be able to identify specific cultivars, and like most of us, is not great at identification of grasses.

Other great plant info reference sites:

Calscape.org

Theodore Payne Foundation: theodorepayne.org

Tree of Life Nursery: californianativeplants.com

Las Pilitas Nursery: laspilitas.com

Lesson 3: Soils

Drainage Test: Choosing, Purchasing, and Planting Waterwise and Native Plants online workshop recording (cbwcd.org/youtube) – Drainage test part starts around minute 9:00

Waterwise Garden Planner – Plant Finder has option to select plant recommendations for clay soils. For only California native plant results, be sure to select “California Native” as well.

Lessons 4/5: Irrigation:

Retrofitting Turf Irrigation YouTube Playlist: cbwcd.org/retrofitting

Other various irrigation related workshops on our YouTube Online Workshop Playlist (note, most of these are basic and will not make you a fully-irrigation-competent professional, but may be useful for landscape professionals just beginning to learn about irrigation systems):
cbwcd.org/youtube

Professional irrigation management certification programs taught at Chino Basin Water Conservation District and are FREE. Be sure you are signed up for our Professional Programs Email List to get course announcements.

General Guide To How Much and How Often To Water... Document: distributed in class

Precipitation Rate Tests / Calculators: <https://waterwisegardenplanner.org/figuring-out-how-long-to-water/>

Lesson 7: Pruning

Individual Plant Profiles on Waterwise Garden Planner website (waterwisegardenplanner.org), under Maintenance section for each plant

Other Topics:

Landscape / Garden Design:

Garden Design Templates on Waterwise Garden Planner Website: for basic ideas, starter plant palettes, or communicating ideas with clients, etc. for residential garden projects. Some templates are 100% California native; some are not (<https://waterwisegardenplanner.org/garden-designs/>).

Note: We are working on a project creating California native planting design templates for commercial, municipal, and institutional scale properties. Be sure to sign up for our Professional Programs email list to be notified when that resource becomes available.

California Native Garden Design Online Workshop Recording: Appx. three-hour crash course (cbwcd.org/youtube)

DIY Residential Garden Design Training Video Series: Goes over much of the info in the video above, but in much greater depth (note: still in draft version, but available by this direct link: cbwcd.org/DIYdesign). These videos will not turn you into a landscape architect but should help contractors and landscapers not yet fully comfortable with planting design to begin creating beautiful and functional planting designs for residential sites.

Capturing Rainwater, Dry Streambeds and Swales, etc.:

Build a Functional Dry Streambed to Capture Water tutorial – YouTube workshops playlist (cbwcd.org/youtube)

Rainwater Harvesting for Home Landscapes online workshop recording - YouTube workshops playlist (cbwcd.org/youtube)

Where to Buy Plants and Materials:

Wholesale Nurseries with Significant Native Plant Focus (though not necessarily exclusively growing natives, so do not assume every plant you purchase from them will be native without looking it up!):

El Nativo Growers
Tree of Life Nursery
Fremontia Horticultural
Moosa Creek Nursery
Native West Nursery

Note: if you have other suggestions to add to this list, please let us know

(Retail) Waterwise Garden Planner Resources Page (scroll down):

<https://waterwisegardenplanner.org/resources/>

Rebates for Turf Replacement, Irrigation Controllers, etc.:

Socalwatersmart.com

Tips on rebate applications are on Part 2 video in the DIY Garden Design playlist
(cbwcd.org/diydesign)

Free topic-specific workshops throughout the year – Designed for community members, but attended by professionals as well, and taught with a level of detail that we hear professionals find useful. Upcoming schedule at cbwcd.org/waterwiseworkshops .

Demonstration Garden: open and free every day except Sunday and holidays. Send or bring clients to look at plants, etc. cbwcd.org