



Prepare for drought and water restrictions: How to prioritize your garden

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

TREES

- Expansive roots can be watered infrequently
- Most costly to remove and most expensive to replace
- Provide shade, habitat, and resources to environment

SHRUBS

- Deep roots require less water
- Can be difficult to remove and take time to establish if replanted
- Remove dust from air and reduce noise from traffic

PERENNIALS

- Climate appropriate species can be drought tolerant
- Many have natural active/dormant cycle and may rebound after drought
- Improve soil quality

ANNUALS

- Are not meant to last multiple years
- Easy to replace and some self-sow new seeds
- Provide nectar to pollinators

TURF GRASS

- Require more water than most other plants
- May be able to recover after going dormant during drought
- Provide few to no ecosystem services