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Learn How to Reduce Runoff, Save Water and Protect the Ocean
FREE "Ocean-Friendly" Residential Landscape Workshop Offered by West Basin

HAWTHORNE, Calif.— Don't miss your chance to participate in the next FREE Ocean-Friendly Landscape Workshop on Saturday February 5, 2011 at the Hawthorne Library. Learning to make your yard water-efficient and ocean-friendly helps reduce on-site water use, helps keep plants and landscapes healthy, and reduces the runoff and pollutants going into stormdrains that empty into local coastal areas.

In West Basin's service area, 30-70 percent of residential water use is outdoors. Want to learn how to capture rain on your property to be used by your landscape? Permeable pavement, drought-tolerant plants, shredded bark mulch, water-efficient hose nozzles, and 'smart' weather-based sprinkler controllers are among the tools and landscaping techniques discussed in the Ocean-Friendly Landscape Workshops that can help residents be more efficient landscapers.

"This workshop teaches residents the tools they need to maintain a beautiful, water smart landscape and the best part is that they're free," said West Basin Director Donald L. Dear. "In partnership with the Surfrider Foundation, West Basin is teaching residents how to make changes in their yards that save water and money and reduce runoff."

Recent rains will not solve Southern California's water shortage problems. 66 percent of our local water supply is imported from hundreds of miles away and is facing serious challenges due to years of drought and strict environmental regulations. Every drop counts and you can do your part by making your yard water smart.

The class will be taught by G3 LA, the Green Garden Group at the Hawthorne Library, 12700 Grevillea Avenue, Hawthorne, 90250. Call Martha at the SBESC at 310-371-7222, ext. 209 or visit www.sbesc.com to register. Please plan to arrive by 9:45 A.M.