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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

Thursday, April 7, 2011 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Nakaoka Community Center, Gardena

GARDENA, Calif.— Don't miss your chance to participate in the next FREE Ocean-Friendly Landscape Workshop on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the Nakaoka Community Center in Gardena. 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 is a partnership between West Basin and the Surfrider Foundation and will be taught by G3LA, the Green Gardens Group at the Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247. Call Martha at the SBESC at 310-371-7222, ext. 209 or visit www.sbesc.com to register.