Ocean Friendly Gardens Program
Next Steps - after the Basics Class

San Diego Surfrider OFG Program

The San Diego Surfrider OFG Committee wants to support you in applying CPR in your yard, your neighbor's and in public spaces – because every OFG helps to revive our oceans and watershed. The OFG Committee and our partners have set up follow-up events:

- **Hands-On Workshops** (HOW) – to learn CPR practices by applying them in landscape, starting with the topic of Site Evaluation: Sunday, September 26, 11am-2pm.
- **Garden Assistance Program** (GAP) – Workdays, like barn-raising, to build an OFG: Sunday, October 24, 10am-4pm.
- **Lawn Patrol** – neighborhood walks to develop an eye for OFG & CPR and identify opportunities: planning for mid-September.
- **OFG Yard Sign** – put in the yard of an OFG – like the one we help build at the GAP Workday or yours - to educate and inspire.

Surfrider will email you the location for the HOW, GAP and Lawn Patrol when they are determined. Check the San Diego Surfrider website ([www.surfridersd.org](http://www.surfridersd.org)). Also:

- **Kristy Rygiel**, City of Encinitas Clean Water Program, KRygiel@ci.encinitas.ca.us, 760-633-2787
- **Felice Tacktill**, SDWD ftacktill@cityofencinitas.org, 760-633-2676
- **Joey Randall** at OMWD jrandall@olivenhain.com, 760-753-6466 x148

**Apply CPR when you go home**

While OFG Committee and the City organize OFG events, you can get started:

- **Landscape uses** - Walk around your home and sit down in it with paper and pencil, jotting down notes and sketching out current uses and ideas you have.
- **Models** - Walk around your neighborhood, see what others have done and ask them how they did it.
- **Then draw upon OFG Program tools and public resources listed below.**

Ready to do it yourself? Go for it (& call Dig-Alert: 811). Document your progress & (e)mail us so we can share it with others and show our sponsors. Apply CPR:

- **Conservation**
  - Use drip irrigation, replace spray heads with rotors, adjust sprinklers down in cooler months and up in warmer one (watering index at [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com)). Get a weather-based irrigation controller.
  - Make sure your sprinklers are not hitting hard surfaces.
  - Use climate appropriate/native plants, replace turf and plant trees, esp. on south and west sides of your home to provide summer shade.
  - Take synthetic fertilizers and pesticides/herbicides to waste collection sites.
- **Permeability**
  - Do a compaction test & soil test – info at [www.oceanfriendlygardens.org](http://www.oceanfriendlygardens.org)

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- Aerate compacted soil (especially turf)
- Allow leaves to stay where they fall or apply mulch (free tree trimmings)

Retention
- Identify downsprouts and direct them into your landscape or rain barrel/cistern (install rain gutters if you don’t have them)
- Create gaps in hardscape (driveway, walkways, patio)

In addition to notes you might have taken in the Basics Class, you can refer to:
- Rebate information – on water district websites & www.bewaterwise.com
- Local resources – SD Surfrider website: www.ofgsandiego.blogspot.com
- Hire a professional to do a site evaluation, create a design and do the installation. Lists of professionals can be found on:
  - G3’s website www.greengardensgroup.com
  - Association of Landscape Professionals www.apld.com
  - California Landscape Contractors Association www.clca.org
  - American Society of Landscape Architects www.asla.org

For those without space at home to garden
Volunteer with the SD Chapter OFG Sub-Com’t or help a neighbor create an OFG.

Low Impact Develop (LID) – OFG is a sub-set of this larger category. Here’s info:
- Surfrider - http://www.surfrider.org/a-z/lid.php

Public resources
(Contact your city & water district for programs offered)

Incentives
SDWD & OMWD - Online applications accepted at www.socalwatersmart.com for:
- Rotating Nozzles for Pop-Up Spray Heads: 25 unit minimum per site - $3/nozzle
- Weather Based Irrigation Controller (WBIC), under 1 acre property - $85
- Please see the Smart Landscape Program section for Residential Surveys
City of San Diego residents only – turf removal & irrigation rebate apps. started Sept. 1
San Diego County residents only – Rain Barrel Events sale on August 28.

Public Demonstration Gardens, Educational Programs & Products
- San Diego Botanic Garden (aka Quail Garden) - www.sdbgarden.org (classes, plus 3 large rain barrels installed there)
- The Garden at Cuyamaca College – www.thegarden.org (classes, exhibits)
- Solana Center – www.solanacenter.org (composting classes and bins)


City codes – check for major redevelopment and new development & for large slopes.

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