

What is a Green Gardener Program, and why is it Imperative to San Luis Obispo County?

The Green Gardener Program is a bilingual (English/Spanish) curriculum that educates and certifies local gardeners in resource efficient and pollution prevention landscape management practices. Green Gardener students receive instruction in landscape practices that examine complex issues such as landscape irrigation efficiency, low maintenance landscapes, green waste reduction, watershed health, fertilizer management, pesticide reduction, and much more. This is only the beginning; with an ever-increasing population, limited natural resources, and a degrading environment, it is increasingly important to pursue environmental responsibility within urban areas.

List of Required Classes:

Basics of Soils and Water Management

Soil Health/Soil Fertility

Mulches and Composts: Keeping Greenwaste On-Site

Pruning of Mediterranean and Native Shrubs

Right Plant in the Right Place

Fertilizer Management

Irrigation Management: Scheduling and Irrigation Controllers

Irrigation Management: Troubleshooting Irrigation Systems

Irrigation Management: New Innovations in Water Conservation

Integrated Pest Management

Impact of Landscape Equipment on Air Quality

Green Landscape Design



Additional Information:

Attached please find information regarding statewide Green Gardener programs, provided by Ecology Action of Santa Cruz. Also, please find the web addresses to the Santa Barbara and Monterey Green Gardener Programs, respectively.

<http://www.greengardener.org/>

<http://www.green-gardener.org/>

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