



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Council Chamber
1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030**

May 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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THE PUBLIC**

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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South Pasadena Natural Resources and Environmental Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made tonight will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

CALL TO ORDER:

Amy Davis Jones

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Rona Bortz, Michelle Hammond, Casey Law, William J. Kelly, Michael Siegel; Vice Chair Madeline C. Di Giorgi; Chair Amy Davis Jones.

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Mayor Pro Tem Michael A. Cacciotti

STAFF PRESENT:

Ted Gerber, Deputy Public Works Director
Anteneh Tesfaye, Water Operations Manager
Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation & Sustainability Analyst
Reyna Salazar-Martin, Public Works Management Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Amy Davis Jones

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) welcomes public input. Members of the public may address the NREC by emailing: nrecpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov. **Public Comments must be received by 12 p.m., May 25, 2021** to ensure adequate time to compile and post. Public Comment portion of the email is limited to 250 words. Please make sure to

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Note: Public input will also be read during all agenda items.

1. Public Comment

PRESENTATIONS

2. Introduction of Ted Gerber, Public Works Deputy Director

ACTION ITEMS

3. Appointment to City Leased Recreational Facility Ad Hoc Committee

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) consider the appointment of up to two Commissioners to an ad hoc committee to work with staff to review existing terms of City leased recreational facility agreements to develop proposed new terms for negotiation.

4. Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) make a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the proposed Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ordinance.

5. Approval of Minutes- Special Meeting of April 27, 2021

6. Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting of April 27, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

7. City Council Liaison Communications

8. Commissioner Communications

9. Staff Liaison Communications

10. Upcoming Events

- FREE Household Hazardous and E-Waste Collection Event – May 29 (San Gabriel)
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ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE NREC MEETINGS

June 22, 2021	Virtual Zoom	7:00pm
July 27, 2021	Virtual Zoom	7:00pm

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this notice of agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030, and on the City's website as required by law.

5/20/21

Date

Arpy Kasparian

Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst

ITEM 3

City Leased Recreational Facility Ad Hoc Committee



Natural Resources & Environmental Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. _____

DATE: May 25, 2021

FROM: Sheila Pautsch, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: **Consideration of Appointment of a Commissioner to a City Leased Recreational Facility Ad Hoc Committee**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission

1. Consider the appointment of up to two Commissioners to an ad hoc committee to work with staff to review existing terms of City leased recreational facility agreements to develop proposed new terms for negotiation.

Discussion/Analysis

The Arroyo Seco Golf Course, Arroyo Seco Racquet Club, San Pascual Stables, and All-Star Baseball and Batting Cages are the City's four recreational facilities. Each is operated through a lease contract or agreement. The Community Services Director manages these agreements. Three of the four agreements either end their contract, complete a term of the agreement or have expired and presently operate on a month-to-month basis:

1. The Arroyo Seco Golf Course management agreement with Donovan Bros Golf, Inc. ended in June 2020. Currently, Donovan Bros Golf, Inc. is operating on a month-to-month basis. However, the restaurant has not re-opened since the closure due to COVID – 19. Though the golf course continues to operate and create revenue for the City, there is an opportunity to look at possibilities to increase revenue by soliciting requests for a new operator, new food and beverage contract, or negotiating an amendment to the current agreement.
2. John Letts, the owner of I-Tennis, holds the lease for the Arroyo Seco Racquet Club. The lease's current term ends on December 31, 2021. Mr. Letts has submitted a request for capital improvements to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the December 14, 2020 meeting. He has asked for rent credits for the completion of the capital projects which the Commission affirmly recommended. The options to be considered are: approving the capital projects and rent credits, sending out a request for proposals for a new operator, or continuing the current agreement into the final term expiring in December of 2031.
3. Dylan and Tao Gaines hold the lease for the All-Star Baseball School and Batting cages. The Gaines, who built the batting cages, have leased the facility since June 2003. During the fourth amendment negotiations, an extension term was granted for three years ending June 2021 with two possible one-year extensions. Possible options would be extending the agreement

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by one or two years, soliciting requests for a potential new operator, or re-negotiating and considering adding capital improvements to the batting cages.

The Council Ad Hoc Committee would assist staff on each agreement's possible options. The Council Ad Hoc Committee would not be subject to the Brown Act, as it would be created to assist staff with operational work. Ultimately, the recommendations of staff, as assisted by the Council Ad Hoc Committee would be reviewed by the City Council at a public meeting.

The City Council approved the formation of the ad hoc committee at the April 7, 2021 City Council meeting appointing Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti and Councilmember Donovan. .City Council approved that up to two members of the Parks and Recreation, Finance and Natural Resources & Environmental Commissions to serve on this ad hoc committee.

Public Notification of Agenda Item

The public was made aware that this item was to be considered this evening by virtue of its inclusion on the legally publicly noticed agenda, posting of the same agenda and reports on the City's website and/or notice in the *South Pasadena Review* and/or the *Pasadena Star-News*.

ITEM 4

Proposed Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ordinance



Natural Resources & Environmental Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. _____

DATE: May 25, 2021

FROM: Anteneh Tesfaye, Water Operations Manager
Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation & Sustainability Analyst

SUBJECT: Recommendation to City Council to adopt the proposed Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ordinance.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) make a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the proposed Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ordinance.

Discussion/Analysis

Restricting the use of gas-powered lawn equipment, especially leaf blowers, is of great importance to the South Pasadena community. The City's Climate Action Plan, which was adopted in December 2020, includes the following action to be taken in the short term (1-3 years):

"Establish an ordinance that restricts use of gas-powered lawn equipment, including leaf blowers, and provide information on the City website outlining available incentives."
(South Pasadena Climate Action Plan, T.1.e, page 49)

In addition, the South Pasadena Green Action Plan (Green Plan), adopted November 2019, includes Goal V, Move 2, which states:

"Evaluate the feasibility of banning gas-powered lawn equipment including leaf blowers."
(South Pasadena Green Action Plan, V.2, page 20)

In 2016, the City of South Pasadena worked with the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) to become a certified Green Zone City, meaning that all grounds maintenance on municipal properties including all public parks and the golf course, are serviced exclusively with low-noise, zero-emission, electric machinery. This conversion to electric equipment resulted in profound environmental remediation benefits including the reduction of pollutants such as carbon dioxide, particulate matter, hydrocarbons, etc. totaling 59 tons per year. In addition, the electric equipment are 40-70% quieter, instantly improving the quality of life in South Pasadena.

The City has partnered with AGZA once again to provide our residents with resources and education on switching to electric lawn equipment. An educational webinar is tentatively scheduled for June 23, 2021 with an in-person demonstration following in July or August 2021. In addition, information regarding the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

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Commercial Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment Exchange Program can be found on the South Pasadena Environmental Programs webpage at www.southpasadenaca.gov/environmentalprograms.

To further strengthen the City's commitment to reducing emissions (via the CAP) and improving the overall quality of life in South Pasadena, City staff, with the assistance of AGZA, have drafted an update to Chapter 19A (Noise Regulation) of the City Municipal Code prohibiting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in the City. See Attachment.

The ban would commence October 1, 2022, providing approximately a 12-15 month grace period before the effective date. During this time, City staff will work with AQMD and AGZA to provide outreach, education, and resources for commercial property owners, tenants, homeowners, and independent gardeners. Outreach will include webinars, field workshops, print and digital informational materials, public service announcements, and education on AQMD incentives.

Background

Emissions from gas-powered lawn equipment including leaf blowers are a significant source of air and noise pollution in our community and can have severe impacts on the health of gardeners and landscape workers. Over 200 cities in the United States have enacted bans or restrictions on gas leaf blowers. California State legislature is currently debating AB 1346 which would by 2024, or earlier if deemed feasible by the California Air Resources Board, ban the sale of new gas-powered leaf-blowers, lawnmowers, and other small off-road engines. Adopting an ordinance prohibiting the use of gas-powered equipment prepares the South Pasadena community for future restrictions on such equipment.

Next Steps

1. If approved, staff will present the recommendation to City Council.

Legal Review

The City Attorney has reviewed this item.

Fiscal Impact

The ordinance restricting gas-powered lawn equipment would require gardeners to obtain new electric equipment which will likely incur a cost. Staff will investigate funding sources, either within or outside of the City budget, for incentives to ease the financial challenges of switching to new equipment. Currently, AQMD offers an Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment incentive which provides up to 75% off commercial electric lawn and garden equipment in exchange for gas-powered lawn equipment including leaf blowers.

Public Notification of Agenda Item

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Attachment: Proposed Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ordinance

CHAPTER 19A NOISE REGULATION

ARTICLE 2. SPECIAL NOISE SOURCES

19A.12 Machinery, equipment, fans and air-conditioning.

It is unlawful for any person to operate any machinery, equipment, pump, fan, air-condition apparatus, or similar mechanical device in any manner so as to create any noise which would cause the noise level at the property line of any property to exceed the ambient noise level by more than five decibels based on a reference sound pressure of 0.0002 microbars, as measured in any octave band center frequency, in cycles per second, as follows: 63, 125, 250, 500, 1,000, 2,000, 4,000, and 8,000 and for the combined frequency bands, "(A)" band. This regulation does not apply to utilities performing emergency work. (Ord. No. 1582.)

19A.12.1 Power yard maintenance equipment—Definitions.

For the purposes of Sections 19A.12.1 through 19A.12.5, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Leaf blower" means ~~any air blowing machine which uses a concentrated stream of air to blow leaves, grass cuttings, trash or other debris and material.~~ a machine, powered by a gasoline engine or electric motor, which uses a concentrated stream of air to blow, displace, or vacuum leaves, grass clippings, dirt, and/or other debris or material
- (b) "Lot" means an area of real property within the city as defined in Chapter 36, zoning ordinance of the city.
- (c) "Power yard maintenance equipment" means any gasoline or electric powered engine-driven device or machine used primarily for the maintenance of lawns, shrubs, trees or other landscaping. Such devices include, but are not limited to, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, string trimmers, edgers, hedge trimmers, and chain saws. (Ord. No. 1996, § 1; Ord. No. 2130, §§ 1, 2.)

19A.12.2 Repealed by Ordinance No. 2130.

19A.12.3 Power yard maintenance equipment—Permitted hours of operation.

Power yard maintenance equipment shall be operated only between the following hours:

- (a) Monday through Friday, eight a.m. to seven p.m.
- (b) Saturday, nine a.m. to seven p.m.

(c) Sunday and holidays, ten a.m. to seven p.m. (Ord. No. 1996, § 1; Ord. No. 2130, § 4; Ord. No. 2201, § 1, 2010.)

19A.12.4 Leaf blowers —Regulation of use.

(a) ~~The use of leaf blowers, with the exception of California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved gasoline-powered leaf blowers and electric-powered leaf blowers (“approved leaf blowers”) shall be prohibited in the city after October 1, 2010.~~ Commencing October 1, 2022, it is prohibited for any property owner (including the city) or tenant or any employee, agent or contractor working for a property owner or tenant to operate or authorize the operation of a gas-powered leaf blower at any time for any purpose.

(b) ~~Commencing October 1, 2010, all CARB approved gasoline leaf blowers shall prominently display a city issued decal/seal verifying its approved status.~~ Commencing October 1, 2022, it is prohibited for any property owner (including the city) or tenant or any employee, agent or contractor working for a property owner or tenant to operate or authorize the operation of any electrically powered leaf blower at any time that do not comply with noise limits set by SPMC 19A.12.

(c) Commencing October 1, 2022, the following shall be exempt from the provisions 19A.12.4 (a) and (b) of this chapter:

1. Leaf blowers (gas powered or electrically powered) utilized by emergency responders for the purpose of responding to an emergency, or necessary to restore, preserve, protect or save lives or property from imminent danger of loss or harm. Large, downed trees needing expedient areas cleared for the safety of the public. (Ord. xxx).

(d) During the one-year grace period following the enactment of revisions and up to the October 1, 2022 effective date, the City of South Pasadena will work with the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the American Green Zone Alliance or equivalent organization to provide outreach, education, and resources for commercial property owners, tenants, and homeowners. Outreach including the following will also extend to independent gardeners and large commercial grounds maintenance companies which include:

1. Webinars, field workshops, print and digital informational materials, public service announcements, and a city phone number to call for ordinance details.

(e) As of October 1, 2022, no leaf blower shall be operated in a manner that directs dust and debris onto any neighboring parcel or public street. (Ord. xxxx).

(ef) Commencing October 1, 2010, no business license shall be issued to any gardener and/or landscaper without proof of purchase of a leaf blower(s) allowed under subsection (a) and a signed declaration that the company will not use prohibited leaf blowers in the city.

(eg) The full blower nozzle extension shall be used for maximum efficiency and to minimize the spread of dust.

(eh) After leaf blower use, debris and waste materials shall be disposed of in [the appropriate disposal receptacle](#) or any ~~trash receptacles or~~ other equivalent container.

(fi) Leaf blowers shall be in proper working order and all manufacturers' noise and dust control equipment on the leaf blower shall remain on the blower and be in operating condition. (Ord. No. 1996, § 1; Ord. No. 2130, § 5; Ord. No. 2192, § 1, 2009.)

19A.12.5 Power yard maintenance equipment—Violation and penalty.

No person, whether as principal, agent, employee or otherwise, shall violate, cause the violation or otherwise fail to comply with the provisions of Sections 19A.12.1 through 19A.12.4. Any violation of Sections 19A.12.1 through 19A.12.4 shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1, Sections 1.7 and 1.7A of this Code. Any fines to be levied for any violation of Sections 19A.12.1 through 19A.12.4 shall not exceed fifty dollars per violation. (Ord. No. 1996, § 1; Ord. No. 2130, § 6; Ord. No. 2201, § 3, 2010.)

ITEM 5

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of April 27, 2021

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – April 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Bill Kelly, Commissioner Michelle Hammond, Commissioner Casey Law, Commissioner Michael Siegel, Vice Chair Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair Amy Jones, and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti. Commissioner Rona Bortz had an excused absence. Staff present: Anteneh Tesfaye, Acting Deputy Public Works Director; Garret Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Work Director; Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst, and Reyna Salazar-Martin, Public Works Management Assistant.

1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2) Tree Removal Hearing: 23 Short Way

Staff G. Crawford presented the Tree Hearing Item. The applicant was present and made a statement. The commission discussed with the applicant the reasons for the removal and clarified the procedures of issuing the tree removal permit. Crawford clarified that the applicant did have enough required replacement trees. Commission moves to make a recommendation to approve the removal of 3 non-native trees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAW, MOTION CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE, VICE CHAIR DI GIORGI ABSTAINED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

3) City Council Liaison Communications

No communications.

4) Commissioner Communications

No communications.

5) Staff Liaison Communications

No communications.

6) Upcoming Events

- FREE Household Hazardous and E-Waste Collection Event – May 29 (San Gabriel)
- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars – Various dates
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- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars – Various dates
(<https://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation>)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Amy Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on May 25, 2021.

Amy Jones, Chair

ITEM 6

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of April 27, 2021

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – April 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:23p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Bill Kelly, Commissioner Michelle Hammond, Commissioner Casey Law, Commissioner Michael Siegel, Vice Chair Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair Amy Jones, and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti. Commissioner Rona Bortz had an excused absence. Staff present: Anteneh Tesfaye, Acting Deputy Public Works Director; Garret Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Work Director; Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst, and Reyna Salazar-Martin, Public Works Management Assistant.

1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Edgar Pelayo, VP of Development for South West Green – Provided information on electric lawn care equipment being offered by South West Green.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2) Tree Removal Hearing: Proposed Removal of 31 Non-Native Trees at 1100 El Centro Street

Staff G. Crawford presented Tree Hearing Item. The applicant was present and made a statement. The commission discussed and received some clarification on the damages the existing trees are causing and how the number of replacement trees were calculated. The commission expressed concerns over removing healthy, mature trees and uncertainty over the supposed damages. The commission requested the applicant return with an engineer's report indicating the damages being caused by the trees. In addition, it was requested that the trees planted in the past not be included in the required replacement tree count.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tucker Nelson, Resident – Expressed concerns over the removal of the trees on the sidewalk which are popular with pedestrians and provide shade. Urged commissioners to make a condition of approval that replacement shade trees be planted along the sidewalks.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KELLY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAW, MOTION CARRIED 6-0 TO TABLE ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETING PENDING REQUESTED ENGINEER'S REPORT

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3) Green Action Plan Progress Report

Kasparian provided an update on the progress of the Green Action Plan. She reported that water bottle refill stations were installed in 5 locations including City Hall and the Library with 3 more pending locations including the Senior Center and Recreation Center. Kasparian provided information on a possible Greywater Direct Install program funded partly by the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. Kasparian provided information on the possible updates the staff is working on for the water conservation program for the next fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

- 4) SB1383 Organic Waste Reduction Requirements - CalRecycle
Samuel Sasu from CalRecycle presented on the jurisdiction requirements for the upcoming organic waste requirements in regards to State Bill 1383. Representatives from CalRecycle answered questions from the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

ACTION ITEMS:

- 5) Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers
Kasparian presented possible changes to the NREC 2021 Work Plan in order to advance establishing the ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers in the City. Kasparian explained that staff would work to keep as many items as possible on the 2021 NREC Work Plan while working on the ordinance, first. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti ensured staff that he would provide resources for the majority of the work and recommended the commission keep the Work Plan as is with the addition of the ordinance.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR DI GIORGI, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KELLY, MOTION CARRIED 6-0, TO ADVANCE THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPING THE ORDINANCE BANING GAS-POWERED LEAD BLOWERS.

Vice Chair Di Giorgi left the meeting at 9:20pm.

- 6) Appointment of Athens Contract Ad Hoc Committee
Vice Chair Di Giorgi can no longer serve on the Athens Contract Ad Hoc Committee and will need a replacement. Commissioner Hammond was nominated by Chair Jones and accepted the nomination.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAW, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SIEGEL, MOTION CARRIED 5-0, TO APPROVE NOMINATION

- 7) Approval of Minutes- Meeting of March 23, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SIEGEL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, MOTION CARRIED 5-0, TO APPROVE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 8) City Council Liaison Communications
Mayor Pro Tem M. Cacciotti shared updates on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Gold Line construction. Mayor Pro Tem is working with AQMD to mitigate pollution from diesel trucks coming from warehouses.

- 9) Commissioner Communications
Commissioner Law had no comments. Commissioner Siegel had no comments. Commissioner Kelly had no comments. Commissioner Hammond thanked Mayor Pro Tem for working on the diesel truck pollution mitigation and asked if bike parking in the City Hall courtyard could be re-installed. Staff will follow up. Chair Jones suggested enlisting the help of the High School Environmental Club for writing the proposal for the monarch butterfly grant opportunity.

10) Staff Liaison Communications

Kasparian provided updates on the City's Earth Day outreach including blog posts, Spring Sustainable South Pasadena Newsletter, the Tree Guide, message from NREC, the Library Tree Scavenger Hunt, and the Earth Day video from Commissioner Siegel.

11) Upcoming Events

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ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Amy Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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Amy Jones, Chair

ITEM 10

Upcoming Events

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH



FREE Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event

Saturday, May 29 • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
 San Gabriel Mission Playhouse
 320 S. Mission Drive
 San Gabriel, CA 91776



COVID-19 Precautions



Do not attend if you have

1. Any COVID-19 symptoms
2. Been asked to quarantine
3. Recently traveled internationally



Wear a face covering



Stay in your vehicle with windows closed, if possible

CHEMICALS
 PAINTS & SOLVENTS
 E-WASTE
 SHARPS



- Carefully secure items in your trunk/pick-up bed. Hazardous waste must be in your trunk/pick-up bed with no other items.



- Waste should be in a sturdy box, preferably in their original containers. Be prepared to leave containers.



- No explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials controlled substances, trash, tires, or large appliances (like refrigerators, stoves and washing machines).



- Sharps disposal will require exiting your vehicle in a designated location to deposit them in a bin.

- Open to Los Angeles County residents. No business waste accepted.

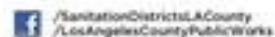
- Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.



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
































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Part 1

The Basics: California Friendly and Native Plant Landscaping Training

Get a gorgeous garden by understanding the principles of California Friendly and native plant landscapes. What makes a landscape watershed wise, and how do you start planning your project?

In this workshop you will learn how to:

1. Look at Your Yard as a Mini-watershed
2. Create a Living Soil Sponge that Holds onto Water
3. Treat Rainwater as a Resource by Contouring the Land to Capture it
4. Select and Arrange Plants to Maximize Biodiversity and Minimize Water Use
5. Control Your Irrigation to Minimize Water Waste

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Part 2

Turf Removal and Garden Transformation Workshop

Dig into the process of removing grass from your yard, selecting and planting climate-appropriate plants, and making sure your garden is healthy for the long-haul.

In this workshop you will learn how to:

1. Evaluate the Opportunities in Your Landscape
2. Plan for your Garden Transformation
3. Identify the Type of Turf Grass in Your Yard
4. Remove Grass Without Chemicals
5. Building Healthy Living Soil
6. Select Climate-appropriate Plants that Minimize Water and Maximize Beauty and Biodiversity
7. Implement a Maintenance Schedule that Keeps Your Yard Gorgeous All Year 'round

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Garden Design Workshop

You know what you want, but aren't sure how to design it. This workshop helps you develop a plant list and lay out your garden.

In this workshop you will learn how to:

1. Calculate How Much Rainwater your Roof Generates
2. Plan for Holding Rainwater in your Garden
3. Select Climate-appropriate Plants for Form and Function
4. Group Plants by Hydrozone on a Plan

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