

**Due to the statewide  
DROUGHT CONDITIONS  
Creating and maintaining  
DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

**Has never been more important!**

**You may have heard that water use restrictions could have an impact on the effectiveness of defensible space around structures. Defensible space guidelines have always recommended incorporating drought tolerant and fire resistive plant species into the landscape around structures. Modifying the vegetation within 100' of structures by incorporating drought tolerant and fire resistive plants not only provides a safe area for firefighters to operate and increases the chances that those structures will survive a wildfire event; it also helps you to minimize water usage throughout the year!**

**For more information visit:**

[http://www.readyforwildfire.org/landscape\\_ideas](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/landscape_ideas)



THE DEER RESISTANT CALIFORNIA FUCHSIA HAS BRIGHT ORANGE-RED FUNNEL-SHAPED FLOWERS. THIS PERENNIAL IS FIRE SAFE AND NEEDS LITTLE TO NO WATER ONCE ESTABLISHED.



THE YELLOW ICEPLANT IS A VERY LOW-GROWING GROUNDCOVER WITH SUCCULENT, GREEN FOLIAGE. THIS SUCCULENT REQUIRES VERY LITTLE WATERING AND IS FIRE SAFE.



FRENCH LAVENDER IS A FIRE RESISTANT PLANT THAT THRIVES IN DRY GROWING CONDITIONS. THIS LOW-KEY PLANT WILL ADD BEAUTY TO YOUR DEFENSIBLE SPACE LANDSCAPE.



THE CALIFORNIA LILAC IS THE NAME OF THIS COLORFUL SHRUB. THIS FIRE RESISTANT PLANT IS DROUGHT TOLERANT AND IS COVERED WITH SMALL PINK & PURPLE FLOWERS WHEN IN BLOOM.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

[HTTP://THEGARDEN.ORG/](http://thegarden.org/)

The Water Conservation Garden  
12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West  
El Cerrito, CA 94519  
Tel: 925.669-0614  
Open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
(See summer and holiday hours.)  
Admission is by suggested donation.

[HTTP://WWW.SDCWA.ORG/](http://www.sdcwa.org/)

San Diego County Water Authority

[HTTP://BEWATERWISE.COM/](http://bewaterwise.com/)

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