

## Landscaper Certification Trainings - Overview

Training	Organization	Summary	Available Where?	WaterSense Certified?	Length (hrs)	Spanish Option?	Prerequisite?	Certification Requirements
<b>Green Gardeners Training</b>	Regional Community Colleges	Offers a comprehensive overview of current sustainable landscaping techniques focusing on site observation for growing potential, creating and maintaining soil fertility, employing cutting-edge efficient watering strategies, IPM, networking with area experts for technical support and how to sell sustainable landscaping to customers. Target audience includes: gardeners and landscape maintenance contractors.	Santa Barbara County <sup>1</sup>	No	37.5	Yes	No	exam, completion of class
<b>Watershed Wise Landscape Professional</b>	Green Gardens Group	Provides its participants with a deeper understanding of the plant/soil/water relationship, plant water requirements, landscape water budgeting, irrigation management and using rainwater as a resource to reduce landscape water and resource use, regardless of the climate in which the landscape is situated.	National	Yes	16	No	No	exam, irrigation system audit (catch-can), site evaluation: removing turf and building living soil with sheet mulching, and designing a passive rainwater catchment system - rain garden
<b>Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper</b>	Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership	Provides landscape professionals with 20 hours of education on local water supply, sustainable landscaping, soils, landscape water budgets, irrigation system components and maintenance, irrigation system audits, and scheduling and controller programming. [Note: Graywater Specialty Cert. also available; Rainwater Harvesting in the works]	National	Yes	20 <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	exam, irrigation system audit (catch-can)
<b>Water Management Certification Program</b>	CA Landscape Contractor's Association	The CLCA Landscape Water Management Performance Certification program is dedicated to the task of managing water continuously to a water budget and to promoting those professionals who can do so.	California	Yes	4	Yes <sup>3</sup>	No	exam, Irrigation audit introduction, 12-month completion of the performance program of at least one landscape site (where water use cannot exceed 80% of the ETo)*Note: "Expert Certification" can be earned from managing 5 sites.