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BANK ON CALIFORNIA NATIVE SOD TO SAVE WATER AND MONEY

California's land planners, architects, state and federal agencies and homeowners are being asked to do more with less when it comes to water conservation, erosion control and returning the landscape to its native state. This means the pressure is on to use "appropriate" landscaping with plants adapted to limited rainfall and native to local ecosystems.

Interest in California native grasses has spread throughout the green industry. Water conservation concerns and economics have prompted many to investigate grasses that thrive with little water or no supplemental water. These plants have evolved to live within California's diverse topography, climate and soil types. Water-seeking roots can reach a depth of six feet, increasing water infiltration, recycling nutrients and providing soil stabilization. In bioswale conditions, native grasses absorb nitrates, heavy metals and solids that enter waterways.

With the introduction of 5 Native Sod varietals came the need for "public" places for people to view and touch them.

Following is a list of sites that is constantly growing. From retail garden stores to Resource Conservation District demonstration areas; all represent locations where the various sod varietals can be viewed.

For more sod display information and project pricing contact Gilbert Barajas of S&S Seeds at 805-684-0436 or by email gilbertbarajas@ssseeds.com

**Native Sod Demonstration Garden Sites
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Bluebird Canyon Farm – 949/697-8709 – *Hall Hebert*
1085 Bluebird Canyon Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
Native Bentgrass, Native Heartland, Preservation Mix

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo – 805/756-1111 – *Dr. Jason Lewis*
jlewis07@calpoly.edu
1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA. 93407
Native Bentgrass, Mow Free, Preservation Mix, Biofiltration

Japanese Friendship Gardens – 858/578-2600 x26 – *Dennis Otsuji*
dyo@onainc.com
2215 Pan American Road East, San Diego, CA 92101
Native Bentgrass, Mow Free, Preservation Mix

La Casita Verde School inside Ziegler Estate – 323/222-7001 – *Elisa Read*
4601 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065
Native Bentgrass

L.A. County Parks Department, Martin Luther King Health Center
11833 South Wilmington Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90059
Native Bentgrass

Las Virgenes Water District – 818/251-2170 – *Scott Harris*
4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA. 91302
Native Bentgrass

Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden in Polliwog Park
O: 310/802-5000 C: 310/374-1199 – *Mike Garcia*
1600 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Mow Free

Mariposa Nabi Community Garden – L.A. Conservation Corps
965 South Mariposa Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90006
Mow Free

9-11 Memorial Garden at Beverly Hills Fire Department – 562/972-1581 – *Jim Ply*
445 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Mow Free

Ojai City Hall – City of Ojai
401 South Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93024
Mow Free

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden – 909/625-8767 x 209 – *Scott LeFleur*
slefleur@rsabg.com
1500 No. College Ave., Claremont, CA. 91711
Native Bentgrass

Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District
951/683-7691 x 218 - *Arlee M. Montalvo*
montalvo@rcrcd.com
4500 Glenwood Drive, #A, Riverside, CA. 92501
Native Bentgrass, Mow Free, Preservation Mix, Biofiltration

Sage Eco-Gardens & Nursery, 805-574-0777 – *Todd Davidson*
econursery@sagelandscapes.net
P.O. Box 6053, Los Osos, CA 93412
Native Bentgrass, Mow Free

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden – 805-682-4726 – *Steve Windhager*
swindhager@sbbg.org
1212 Mission Canyon Rd. Santa Barbara, CA 93105
Native Bentgrass, Mow Free

The Farm Cart at Carpinteria Park – 805-729-4407 – *Kathy Shephard*
5103 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013
Native Bentgrass

Theodore Payne Foundation – 818-768-1802 – *Madena Asbell*
10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley, CA 91352
Mow Free

Westside Water Conservation Garden – 424-234-0481 – *Colleen Wheeler*
cwheeler@rsabg.org
1 Davis Ave. - off of Constellation Ave. Los Angeles, CA
Native Bentgrass, Mow Free