

Native Plants Sales & Installation

This is an exciting month for native plant enthusiasts! Planting months begin. It may sound intimidating at first but there is plenty of help online.

By now you should have: Taken out your lawn; Take a class; get a designer's ideas; installed the hardscape elements for your new landscape.

Plan your plant list. Bewaterwise.com database has over 1,000 plants in the inventory.

To find other regionally appropriate plants to support butterflies, go to bewaterwise.com, select the Garden Spot pulldown, and look for Resources. Here, the California Friendly Gardening Guide lets you choose from 1,000 plants in the database, which you can store in your Plant Database for 90 days.

If you decide you want California native plants, the Calscape web site identifies appropriate native plants by growth form (trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses, shade, vines, etc.) for your address then allows you to store these in your own Plant List. www.cnps.org

With Theodore Payne Foundation's web site you can investigate different specialized landscapes, such as, clay or sandy soils, butterfly or hummingbird gardens, dry shade, and slopes. www.theodorepayne.org

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden's Grow Native Nursery conducts classes November through May. http://www.ataglance.com/ataglance/browse/product?prodId=063-285Y_17

Tree-of-Life Nursery has new watering guide <http://www.californianativeplants.com/>

Whatever your climate-appropriate plant selection, you will enjoy your life supporting, water-conserving landscape for years to come.