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### News Release

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# FREE WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING CLASSES IN MENLO PARK

Menlo Park, CA – This fall, the City of Menlo Park will be hosting three FREE water-efficient landscaping classes in Menlo Park. Did you know that lawns and gardens consume almost half the total water use of an average home? <u>Learn how to have a beautiful garden while saving money on your water bill and conserving our natural resources!</u>

#### WATER-EFFICIENT EDIBLE GARDENING WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to noon



Learn how to reduce water needs for seasonal vegetable gardening by learning how to grow "cool-season" vegetables to harvest all winter long. This class will also cover how to incorporate organic maintenance techniques into seasonal vegetable gardening such as how to use compost and cover crops/green manure.

Bring gardening gloves and a 6" pot and take home your first promise of vegetable abundance.

#### LAWN REPLACEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA NATIVE AND DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS

Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Discover the benefits of native and drought tolerant plants as an alternative to your lawn, and create a water-efficient, low-maintenance landscape. Learn how to achieve a lush look in your garden with beautiful, native shrubs, grasses, trees, and flowers.



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#### SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE TECHNIQUES

Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to noon



Discover how to create a sustainable, low-maintenance, and water-conserving garden using native plants that are right for your yard. Learn about the Bay Area's water cycle and the use of native plants to reduce your water use, garden waste and maintenance time.

Registration is required. Class size is limited. For additional details or to register for this class, please call (650) 349-3000 or register online at <a href="www.bawsca.org/classes">www.bawsca.org/classes</a>. This class is cosponsored by the City of Menlo Park and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA).

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